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War-time link to killing squad alleged

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — One day after Yom Hashoah, federal authorities announced that Waterloo, Ont., resident Helmut Oberlander is facing loss of his citizenship and deportation for his alleged involvement in a mobile Nazi killing squad.

Oberlander, 72, allegedly failed to divulge to Canadian immigration and citizenship officials his "membership in the German Sicherheitspolizei und SD and Einsatzkommando 10A during the Second World War and [his] participation in the executions of civilians," say court documents filed last week.

Media reports indicate that Oberlander, a former construction worker, has left for the United States. It is unclear when he will return.

According to Holocaust historian Raul Hilberg, Einsatzkommando 10A was a sub-unit of Einsatzgruppe D, one of four killing units that followed the German army into the southern Soviet Union in 1941. The units, in conjunction with local collaborators, engaged in mass shootings of Jewish civilians and others.

In his book, *The Destruction of the European Jews*, Hilberg chronicles several incidents involving Einsatzkommando 10A. There were an unspecified number of killings in the Ukrainian town of Kodyma, as well as a July 1941 incident in Balti in which "the Romanians [allies of the Nazis] were shooting Jews en masse ... Kommando 10A pitched in by shooting the Jewish community leaders in the town."

Jewish leaders applauded federal authorities for commencing denaturalization proceedings against Oberlander, but urged other cases be launched as well.

"On the eve of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Nazi death camps by the Allies, it is particularly appropriate to see the alleged perpetrators of unspeakable crimes brought to justice," said Milton Harris, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' war crimes committee.

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HAPPY 47TH BIRTHDAY, ISRAEL
Aliza Zigler of Toronto waves an Independence Day flag.
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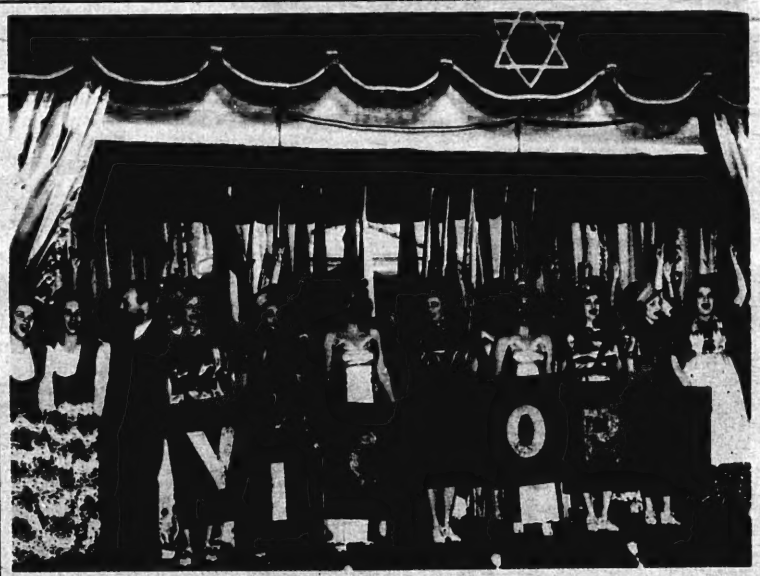

THE ELATION OF VICTORY
The Jewish community in Montreal celebrating VE-Day May 1945. See our VE-Day reminiscences on page 32. Throughout the month of May we shall feature VE-Day memories.

Culminating anniversaries

Passover, the paradigm of liberation, this year coincided with the 50th anniversary of another liberation. As a result, *The CJN* dedicated many pages in the last three issues to a discussion of the personal, collective, religious and historical dimensions of this unique, once-in-a-lifetime occurrence.

EDITORIAL

Today's issue commemorates the culminating anniversaries of the spring season: Yom Ha'atzmaut and 50 years since VE-Day.

In each of these four issues we have featured photos of children to augment the message that prose often inadequately conveys. As we have already written, it is the central message of Passover, of these special anniversaries, indeed of all Jewish history: "And you shall teach your children on that day...".

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IN THIS ISSUE

The CJN introduces a Hebrew language column on page 6 Gidi Koren entitled, in Hebrew of course, Let it Remain B Us. Koren's column will alternate with the Yiddish Vinkl. T one however will appear in the May 25 issue.

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Yom Hashoah commemorated in Israel — Please see Page 38

The News In Brief Everywhere

CANADA

Commons Resolution

OTTAWA — The House of Commons last week passed an all-party motion commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi death camps.

Acting for the government was Treasury Board President Art Eggleton. Representatives from all five parties spoke to the motion, stressing remembrance, modern genocide, the lessons of the Holocaust and the bravery of Canadians who fought in the war.

Supports Militias

CHILLIWACK — A white supremacist here has come out in support of the Oklahoma City bombers and warned that "the loss of life and freedom to come is by far more horrific than the carefully edited images on our television sets."

Charles Scott, who is connected to the American militia movement and the Aryan Nations, has warned his followers to be on alert "because the war has already started."

New CFTAU Chapter

OTTAWA — A new chapter of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University was inaugurated here at a recent reception attended by TAU chancellor Sir Leslie Porter.

About 50 community leaders attended the inauguration, including federal solicitor general Herb Gray.

Arnell Goldberg, a lawyer, will serve as president of the chapter.

Canada Council Prize

OTTAWA — University of Toronto law professor Martin Friedland has been awarded the 1994 Canada Council Molson Prize in Social Sciences and Humanities.

The $50,000 annual prize will be awarded to Friedland at a May 3 ceremony at U of T's Hart House.

A former dean of the U of T law school, Friedland is a widely recognized scholar in criminal law.

NIF Internships

TORONTO — The New Israel Fund (NIF) of Canada and one of its grantees, SHATIL, are offering three one-year internships at the NIF's Jerusalem office.

The interns will be provided with orientation and supervision. Established in 1982, SHATIL is the NIF's technical assistance project.

For details, call 416-515-0507.

ISRAEL

Hamas Warning

JERUSALEM — Hamas last Tuesday warned that Israel will pay a "high price" for the death of one of its members under interrogation.

Abed Harizat was arrested in Hebron last week and died of severe head injuries two days later in hospital.

The Justice Ministry is investigating.

Harizat is the fourth security detainee to die in custody this year.

Suicide Bombers Course

JERUSALEM — Some 60 Lebanese-Palestinian youths are believed to have enrolled in a course for suicide bombers run by a former Fatah supporter at a refugee camp near Sidon.

"I am here to learn how to liberate my country from the Jews," one 15-year-old told a Beirut newspaper. "I am ready to carry out any mission for Palestine, now that we have become human bombs."

Soldiers Wounded

JERUSALEM — Eleven Israeli soldiers were wounded — none seriously — in a Hezbollah suicide car-bomb attack in the Lebanese security zone last Tuesday.

The attack, in which some 200 kilograms of explosives were used, occurred as a convoy of four army vehicles was taking soldiers to a base.

E. Jerusalem 'is Arab'

JERUSALEM — Jordan's ambassador to Israel, Marwan Muashar, last week called for eastern Jerusalem to "go back to Arab sovereignty," repeating his country's position on the city.

"East Jerusalem is part of occupied Arab territories," Muashar told reporters in Tel Aviv.

Temple Mount Warning

JERUSALEM — Jewish worship on the Temple Mount, known to Muslims as the Al-Aksa Mosque, will not be tolerated, Muslim leaders in Jerusalem declared last Tuesday at an emergency meeting called in response to recent attempts by Jews to pray there.

"The entire area is a mosque, and according to Islamic law it is forbidden for non-Muslims to pray at a mosque," said Temple Mount director Adnan Husseini.

Flatow's Sister

JERUSALEM — The sister of Alisa Flatow, the 20-year-old New Jersey student killed in last month's suicide bomb attack in the Gaza Strip, is returning to Israel to meet with the recipients of her sister's organs.

Israel Radio reported that Gail Flatow, 18, will soon return from the United States to Jerusalem, where she has been studying.

Flatow's parents decided to donate Alisa's organs for transplant. Two of the six Israelis who received organs have died. The other four are recovering.

Aid to Rwanda

JERUSALEM — Israel is ready to make tens of thousands of dollars worth of emergency aid immediately available to the Rwandan government, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin announced last week.

Beilin said Israel is ready to send medical and food supplies.

WORLD

Say Sorry, Carlos

NEW YORK — The Simon Wiesenthal Centre has asked Argentine President Carlos Menem to apologize for having read an Easter Sunday message which contained the age-old claim that the Jews killed Jesus.

The centre urges Menem "to repudiate the charge of deicide, to sanction the staff member who prepared the material and to disassociate [himself] from those Catholic leaders who insist on continuing to incite religious hatred and intolerance."

Defends Iran Ties

NEW YORK — In a visit here last month, German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel defended his country's controversial relationship with Iran.

"We, along with our [European Union] partners, hold the view that isolating important countries in the region does not promote the peace process," said Kinkel.

Omission

The interview with Aba Bayefsky in the Yom Hashoah supplement omitted the name of the interviewer Cynthia Gasner. The omission was inadvertent but inexcusable for which the editor apologizes.

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Youth lead Yom Hashoah commemoration

Jews have moral duty to prevent genocide: Cotler

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jews everywhere have a moral duty to try and prevent ethnic slaughter and genocide in the world today, human rights champion Prof. Irwin Cotler told last week's Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah services here.

"We cannot say we didn't know about unspeakable ethnic cleansing in the Balkans and preventable genocide" in Rwanda. "Our response has to be to shatter the walls of the world's appalling indifference," keynote speaker Cotler told over 1,000 people at Adath Israel Congregation.

The annual service was sponsored by the synagogue and the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. Just prior to the commemoration, some 400 people, including a strong contingent from the Toronto Jewish Youth Council and Jewish students from secular high schools, gathered at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Earl Bales Park for a wreath-laying and service in the cold rain, then marched down Bathurst Street in a silent candlelight procession to the shul.

Cotler, a former Canadian Jewish Congress president, said the lessons of the Holocaust should propel Jews to launch an offensive on human rights — "the new secular religion of our times."

While the world witnesses the emigration of Russian, Ethiopian and Syrian Jews, it has also "abandoned" the Kurds, the Balkans and other global tragedies, he said.

Today, Holocaust survivors almost have to "sanitize" their stories in order to be believed, and as more of them die, the world faces a vacuum of memory and hope, he added.

Cotler listed world Jewry's woes, including Holocaust denial — "the ultimate assault on Jewish memory" — the presence of Nazi war criminals in Canada ("a moral obscenity") and the constitution of Hamas, "the only post-Nazi constitution that openly calls for the murder of Jews, wherever they are."

He warned that if governments do not bring Nazi war criminals to justice, the Holocaust will one day become less believable because people would think "if there were no criminals, there was no Holocaust."

In his d'var Torah, Adath Israel Rabbi Steven Saltzman said Jews are obliged to "seek out their killers," but also to find and pay homage to Gentiles who rescued Jews during the war.

Greetings were brought by Israel's Consul General Dror Zeigerman and Canadian Society for Yad Vashem national chair Joel Dimitry.

Cantor Eliezer Kirshblum and the Adath Israel choir sang *Av Harahamim*.

Adath Israel Rabbi Emeritus Erwin Schild recounted personal reminiscences about the fall of Berlin in 1945.

Memorial candles were lit for the six million, including the 1.5 children killed; the children of survivors; partisans and resistance fighters; Allied armed forces; and the Righteous Among the Nations.

The K'El Maleh Rachamim was chanted by Cantor Louis Danto while the Bialik Day School Choir sang *Eli Eli* and *Zog Nit Keyn Mol*.

Members of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, Metro Toronto Post, presented and retired the colors.

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A Yom Hashoah service was held April 23 at Toronto's Holocaust museum, sponsored by the Betar-Tagar, Young Judaea, Tsabar and Ezra youth movements.

Participants included Cantor Yehuda Rottner, child Holocaust survivor Osi Sladek, and March of the Living participant Amy Sharon. Neshama Carlebach sang *Eli, Eli*, accompanied by Marina Zelcer on violin.

The event was organized by Tami Savion of the Israel Youth Program Centre.

— The CJN *will have more coverage of other Yom Hashoah services in next week's edition.*

Students Sharrona Pearl (left) and Daniella Robicsek joined North York Mayor Mel Lastman at an outdoor service before marching to the Yom Hashoah commemoration. [Ron Csillag photo]

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CJC delegates to probe body's mandate

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Delegates to the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly this month will be asked to examine the very structure and mandate of the 76-year-old institution.

In a series of resolutions, Congress is called upon to become more democratic, to be more selective about the issues it deals with and to find additional means of finance.

One says Congress' involvement in the "issue of the day" may "diffuse and even trivialize other matters that are of vital importance to the Jewish community" and suggests it draw up written "guiding principles" that will give the Congress mandate more focus.

Such parameters would help officers and executive decide whether Congress should address issues outside specifically Jewish concern, according to Larry Riteman, chair of the Atlantic region's Holocaust remembrance committee, who submitted the resolution.

Another, from the Ontario region, notes that Congress has "seen fewer and fewer members of the Jewish community involved in key decisions directing Congress policy and its implementation..."

In order to "be relevant to and have credibility with the breadth of Canadian Jewry," the resolution says Congress must do more to gain regular input from "all corners" of the Jewish community.

It urges that an independent committee be formed to come up with ways of making Congress more democratic.

The Ontario region suggests that the formula for selecting delegates-at-large to the triennial plenary assemblies be changed to give more adequate representation to Jews from coast to coast in light of the geographic shift in the distribution of the Jewish population.

A Quebec region resolution calls for expanding the activities of Congress' Ottawa office.

But a joint resolution from the Ontario and Pacific regions claims that Congress' current level of funding is not adequate to meet the "increasing demands" on the organization.

It urges the community's national funding body, the National Budgeting Conference, give Congress more money at the national and regional levels.

At the same time, Congress should seek new sources of income, which will not conflict with local federation campaigns, including doing its own fundraising.

Congress may be having trouble fulfilling its traditional mandate, but that has not stopped the Ontario region from urging it to take on a key role in fostering Israel-Diaspora relations.

The Pacific region wants Congress to work with the Canadian Arab community on such common issues as human rights and multiculturalism, in a resolution on Arab-Jewish relations.

Elsewhere, Canadian unity is dealt with in a brief resolution from the Quebec region affirming support for federalism, and that Congress be "receptive to the evolution of the federal system for the benefit of all Canadians."

Another on 'rapprochement' says Congress should express support for francophone communities outside Quebec in their effort to preserve their language and enter into a dialogue with La Federation des Francophones Hors Quebec, which represents such communities.

There will be fewer resolutions put before delegates at this plenary May 14-15 — 32 under 12 headings.

Students get support after high school vandalized

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate (JWC) students have received letters of support from students at Arthur Day School in response to the discovery of neo-Nazi graffiti found spray-painted on two walls of the Jewish high school in March.

"Some of the kids in one of their Grade 8 classes wrote to our students," says JWC principal Jerry Cohen. "Their letters contained mainly expressions of regret and empathy. A couple expressed outrage. The kids also asked questions about our school. We passed the letters on to our Grade 8 classes."

Arthur Day is a junior high school in Transcona in east Winnipeg, an area of few if any Jewish residents. The incident at JWC however coincided with a unit on Judaism and the Holocaust that Debbie Hamlin's language arts class is currently studying.

Hamlin, a member of the Transcona-Springfield School Division's Equity and Race Relations Committee, reports that she and the two other teachers she works with in her team received funding from the provincial Department of Multiculturalism to teach the unit on racism.

The unit also included Holocaust-related novels by Winnipeg writer Carol Matas, a viewing of the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre production of *The Always Prayer Shawl* and a presentation on the Holocaust by Hersh Zentner of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council Holocaust Awareness Committee Speakers Bureau.

"Mr. Zentner challenged the students to take personal action against racism," Hamlin reports. "Twenty-five chose to write to Joseph Wolinsky."

Cohen notes that the Grade 8 students at JWC are currently drafting replies to the Arthur Day students' letters.

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YOM HA'ATZMAUT MESSAGE
by DROR ZEIGERMAN
CONSUL GENERAL OF ISRAEL

Forty-seven years ago the State of Israel was created as a Jewish homeland, fulfilling the Zionist dream of gathering the Jewish people in Eretz Yisrael. In the forty-seven years of her existence, the State of Israel has seen her population grow from a half million to over four million Jews today.

The gates of Israel were opened to allow people oppressed in countries around the world the chance to immigrate to Israel. To welcome people from Eastern Europe, Russia, Ethiopia and the Arab countries became the main struggle of our country. These immigrants have become part of Israeli society as cultural, political and economic leaders. We are proud of their accomplishments as they contribute so much to Israeli society.

In order to successfully absorb these people we need the support of the world Jewish community. This support will have to be political, financial and personal. Aliyah forms the essence of our existence and we must encourage aliyah from the West. If we succeed in absorbing these people, Israel will flourish. Successful absorption will open the way for economic independence.

In order for the Zionist dream to be realized, we must achieve peace with our Arab neighbors. In the past year we have made important progress, as evidenced by the comprehensive peace treaty that we signed with Jordan. There is consensus in Israel regarding this peace agreement, because we are getting peace and giving peace without the necessity of giving back territory and uprooting settlements. The Palestinians and the Syrians must understand that peace is in both our interests, and only if they are ready to compromise can there be real peace. I hope that in the coming year Lebanon and Syria will join Egypt and Jordan and sign a peace agreement with Israel.

On Yom Ha'atzmaut it is important to stress the consensus of the people of Israel: united Jerusalem will forever be the capital of Israel and the belief that peace will help us fulfill the Zionist dream to gather Jews in the land of Israel and live in security. Only if we succeed with peace and absorption will we achieve the dream. We see the Jewish community throughout the world, including Canadian Jews, as partners in this exciting progress. Israel shares strong ties with the Diaspora, and Jews always have a home in Israel.

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שישאר בינינו

גידי קורן

למה כאן , למה עכשיו?

לאלה מיכם שהורגלו לשמוע את "שישאר בינינו" בתוכנית הרדיו "ישראל היום" תהיה עכשיו הזדמנות גם לקרוא את הדברים.לפני כחודשיים פגשתי בחבר ותיק , מרדכי בן דת, שאחרי הרבה שנות עיסוק משפטי בעזרה לחלכאים ונדכאים של העיר נבחר לחיות העורך החדש של עיתון זה. מרדכי, שנולד בטורונטו, שומר קשר אמיץ עם ישראל ואף בילה בארץ תקופה בשנות השבעים. עם הגיעי לטורונטו עזר לי מרדכי להקים את אגודת הידידות לבית החולים תל השומר. חשבתי לעצמי שלא יכולה היתה לחיות בתירה יותר מוצלחת לעורך של העיתון שקוראים כל יהודי קנדה. היה לי גם ברור שמרדכי יחפש דרכים לשנות את העיתון ולהביא אליו קהל שעד כה לא כל כך הזדהה עם הכתוב. בטורונטו יש מספר לא ידוע של ישראלים, משהוא בין עשרים וארבעים אלף. מסיבות רבות אין מרגישים הישראלים "בבית" בתוך הקהילה היהודית, אבל אין מה לעשות. הישראלים הם חלק מהקהילה היהודית. ולאלה שמתכוננים לחישאר כאן "עד שהילדים יגמרו את הקולג' " כדברי הגשש החיוור", בהדרגה תחפוך הקהילה היהודית לחלק מחייהם.או הינה - כאות וסימן להתקרבות הקהילה הישראלית לקהילה היהודית, נפתח עכשיו העיתון לכתיבה בעברית.

שיהיה במזל !

למה " שישאר בינינו" ?

יש כמובן שפה עברית, שאותה יכול לדבר יהודי בכל מקום בעולם. אבל יש גם שפה ישראלית, שאותה מסגל מי שגדל בישראל. אז ככה: בישראלית, כשרוצים להגיד למישהו סוד, אומרים לו/לה "ישישאר בינינו". אבל בישראלית גם יודעים שקרוב לודאי ש"ישאר בינינו" יהיה מחר ידוע לחוג רחב של מוקירים וידידים. וזהו הרי חלומו של כל מי שכותב : הוא רוצה להגיע אישית לכל קורא, אבל מאידך גיסא הוא גם רוצה שידעו כולם אז הינה : שישאר בינינו.

יום העצמאות .

קשה מאוד לכתוב על יום העצמאות בלי להזדקק למילים גבוהות ולפאתוס (יענו מילים של שבת). לכל ישראלי- יום העצמאות מעלה זיכרון של מראות , קולות וריחות שילוו אותו כל חייו, אפילו הוא רחוק מן הבית. אנשים רוקדים ברחובות שעה אחרי שהסתיימו טקסי הזיכרון במין ערבוב של עצב ושמחה ספונטאנית. חיילים, שהם תמיד הילדים של מישהו, נפרדים זה מזה בסיום כיתה יוד בית ואף פעם לא יפגשו כולם ביחד, כי חלק מהם לא יזכו לסיים את שירות הצבאי או את המילואים. ומליוני ההורים - שנתם נודדת כל לילה ונפשם נחרדת מכל טלפון בשעה בלתי צפויה. רק לפני עשרים וחמש שנה הם היו שם בעצמם , ועכשיו ילדיהם שם. וסבא וסבתא שלא ישנו כשאתם הייתם בצבא, עכשיו אינם ישנים כשהנכדים בקו האש. מליוני אנשים, יהודים ישראלים, עם רמות חרדה גבוהות מאוד. והרופא שבי לא יכול שלא לחשוב על המחיר הגבוה שנוקה החרדה : מעשנים, חיים את הרגע, ואחר כך ישנם רבים שמתמוטטים. אבל זה מחיר העצמאות. עם כל היותו יקר, הוא נמוך עשרות מונים מהמחיר של להיות יהודי בלתי עצמאי בשנים שלפני הקמת המדינה. מה נתנה העצמאות של ישראל ליהודים, ולא רק בישראל! מה היא נתנה לכולנו שלא היה ליהודים לפני כן? התשובה שלי : עמוד שידרה.

תחת שמי ים התיכון :

אין שום ספק שבני ישראל חיו בארץ ישראל . עובדה זו מונצחת בתנ"ך באלפי מקומות. אבל מה- נורא עצוב שאת העצמאות חייבים הישראלים ליצור נגד עמים שהמנטליות שלהם כל כך שונה מתכונותיו של היהודי. אני לא רוצה להישמע אנטי אף אחד, ויש לי הרבה כבוד לתרבות המזרחית של הערבים, אבל תחשבו על זה : יהודים, שבמרכז ערכיהם נמצאים המשפחה, הילדים, החינוך ומושגים כמו "רחמים" ו"חסד" , חיים בשכנות עם אנשים שהורגים את בנותיהם רק על פי רמו שמישהו העז לגעת בהן, שערוכים ברית מילה בבנותיהם כדי שלא תחושנה הנאה מינית, עם אנשים שכובשים כפר שכן והורגים את כל אנשיו (ראה לבנון), עם אנשים שמתחרים בהריגת יהודים כדי לזכות בעמדת קדוש (ראה חיזבאללה). מה אני אגיד לכם - עצוב. אין ספק שבסופו של דבר ייכון שלום , אבל מי שתמימות ליבו מוליכה אותו להאמין שזה יהיה שלום בין אחים עם כל שאר המילים הנדושות, - יש לו בעיה לדעתי. השלום הזה יתכן רק עם ישראל חזקה , שהערבים פוחדים ממנה. בכל המלחמות בעולם, תמיד לפחות אחד הצדדים היא מדינה דיקטטורית. שתי מדינות דמוקראטיות מעולם לא נלחמו זו בזו ! מדהים, לאז מאחר ואין אף מדינה ערבית דמוקראטית במזרח התיכון - יש לנו בעיה גדולה תחשבו על זה .

SIMMIE SALSBERG
wishes to express her gratitude to her friends and relatives for their thoughtfulness to her on the recent loss of her husband
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Political decisions

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — Former Liberal MP David Berger spends his days waiting to take up a political appointment that most Canadian Jews would greatly envy — Canadian ambassador to Israel.

Four months ago, Berger gave up one of the most secure Liberal ridings in the country, Saint-Henri-Westmount.

Berger stepped down so that the Liberals' new Quebec star, Lucienne Robillard, could parachute into a safe riding. Everything worked out according to plan and Robillard was handed the Liberal nomination. She easily won the ensuing byelection on Feb. 13. Soon afterwards, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien appointed her labor minister, and since then she has given a good account of herself.

Berger ended up on the sidelines. He was given a job, but it was hardly one to write home about. He went into the Prime Minister's Office as a special advisor on small business — little more than a desk and a telephone and the use of the Prime Minister's Office letterhead — no staff, no department and no program to administer. It was clearly a step down from travelling across the country heading the Commons industry committee, holding public meetings and openly confronting the banks on their loan policies.

Berger's decision to retire from his political career at 45 was surprising — especially since only two years earlier he had successfully fought off a plot by the party's backroom boys to oust him just before the 1993 election. They wanted to run Liberal party president Don Johnston in his place. Berger stood his ground, rallied his supporters and fought off the intrigue.

Slap in the face

Chrétien gave Berger the dubious distinction of being the only incumbent Liberal MP obliged to face a nominating convention before he could run again. It was a slap in the face and it stung. However, whatever ill feeling there might have been did not appear to last long, because soon afterwards Berger was appointed to the prestigious committee chairmanship.

Since it was obvious that Berger had not resigned because he had done something wrong, speculation arose that something better than merely a "special advisor" job as in store for him.

At the end of March, CBC television reporter Jason Moscovitz was told that Berger was in line for the Tel Aviv posting, ahead of a long list of career diplomats at Foreign Affairs.

People jumped to the conclusion that the Prime Minister's Office had floated the tip to Moscovitz as a trial balloon. Moscovitz believes his source was actually leaking the information to prevent, not help, Berger's appointment. The same source told Moscovitz that the prime minister was also thinking of appointing former Conservative prime minister Kim Campbell to Moscow, something that did not go over so well with Liberals.

Leak may have backfired

At first both pending appointments were vehemently denied. Liberal House Leader Herb Gray called them "gossip" and "rumor." But the talk persisted, at least in Berger's case. It made sense. Why else would Berger have stepped down for so little?

The leak may have actually backfired on the person who gave out the information and helped Berger's case. Today the leak is more than rumor. Although the Campbell "rumor" has been dismissed, the Berger "rumor" has been elevated to the status of an official "no comment."

The Prime Minister's Office is saying "the prime minister will decide," which in Ottawa means the Berger appointment is coming soon.

First they have to find a job for the current Canadian ambassador to Israel, Norman Spector.

Spector was former prime minister Brian Mulroney's principal secretary until the Meech Lake fiasco. Somebody had to be the fall guy, so Spector, a nice enough guy, who was Jewish as well, was conveniently shipped off to the land of Israel, where by all accounts he has done a splendid job as Canada's representative.

Among other things, he helped set up a hockey team in Israel, while the Toronto Maple Leafs donated equipment. So what if the Israeli ice rink isn't regulation size? It's hockey, isn't it?

Spector could end up somewhere in the Privy Council Office, back in his old job as a government mandarin.

In the meantime, Berger, who would be only the second Jew appointed Canadian ambassador to Israel (Spector was the first) hangs around Ottawa waiting.

"I'm a very patient man," Berger says laconically. "The prime minister will decide. Call me at home if you want to talk."

The rest of the Berger family may not be so laconic. His daughter Laura was taking part in a Passover rehearsal recently at the school she attends in Ottawa.

"L'Shanah haba'ah b'Yerushalayim" the class chorused. She said her daddy told her that in her case it would be so.

Out of the mouths of babes.

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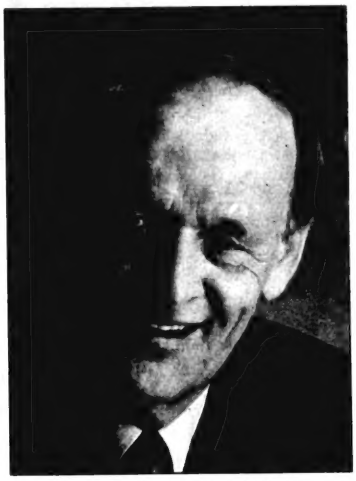

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Anniversaries

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On Passover, we carried the photos of the young children practising a mini-Seder and also of the youngsters arriving in their new home in Israel one year after liberation from Buchenwald. On chol hamoed, in our Mimouna supplement, we published the photo of Brigitte Dayan, paying loving homage to the memory, the customs and the traditions of her great grandfather. Last week, as an illustration of the "classic Jewish response" to the Shoah, we reproduced the photo of two little boys learning, teaching each other, studying Torah.

In this issue, we publish the precious photo of little Aliza Zigler waving Israel's flag. All the themes of the past four weeks converge in this one photo. It is both symbol and reminder, comfort and cause, past and present.

The blue of the flag symbolizes the blue of the sky. Under heaven we are reminded of the truly human aspirations and purposes of life: decency and goodness. Our children must carry forward all that past generations have borne to this point. Like Israel, they are our hope.

Yom Hazikaron

A story is told about a Jew from Canada who visited Jerusalem on Yom Hazikaron, the day set aside by the Knesset to remember Israel's fallen soldiers. He went to Har Herzl to take part in the remembrance ceremonies.

As often happens in the hills of Jerusalem in early May, even before noon, the sky was a very deep blue, the kind of blue that falls closer to violet than to green, the kind of blue that must have been t'chelet. A mild breeze blew from the valley to the west, cool against the sun, carrying whispers through the branches of the pine trees. And the quality of the light was dazzling, allowing the eye to see the smallest detail on the furthermost horizon.

There were many people on the mountain that clear spring morning, almost all of them hovering for a time near a grave, leaving behind a stone or a flower, a marker of their permanent love.

After the remembrance ceremony, the Canadian happened to notice an old man crying inconsolably at one particular grave site. As he moved closer and could hear the old man's sobbing, he understood the grave to be that of the old man's son. Others, undoubtedly members of the family, tried to comfort the old man and remove him from his anguish and his grief. But the old man refused to be comforted, and refused to be moved. Instead, he stretched his arms across the grave, embracing the stone, occasionally tracing with his bony fingers the name etched permanently into the rock's hewn face, quietly sobbing.

The Canadian sat nearby, terribly shaken by the old man's loss and overwhelmed by his sorrow. He watched as mourning matched memory and grief poured forth endlessly from the parent like the relentless rays of the sun high above in the deep blue sky.

Yom Ha'atzmaut

The next day, which actually began that night, the Canadian Jew went out into the boulevards and avenues of Jerusalem to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut with the rest of Israel. The streets were alive with festival and song. The small park near his hotel was filled with picnics and parties.

By a coincidence of light and timing, his eye caught sight of a group across the way singing, laughing and dancing. As he approached the group, hoping to join the circle, he noticed that in its very middle was the same old man whose heart he had seen broken the day before. He was swaying and twirling, waving his arms and singing with energy and enthusiasm.

Unable to contain his curiosity, he went over to the old man and asked him politely, in the manner of most Canadians: "Only yesterday, I saw you lie down at your son's grave, calling to heaven, your tears watering the earth. How can you dance and celebrate this way today?"

The old man seemed pleased with the question. "How can I not celebrate this way? My son fought and died so that I would be able to dance and sing this day."

The Canadian Jew understood and was immediately welcomed to join in the dancing circle, which he did.

Dry Bones

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Says editorial misrepresented his views

I'd like to respond to your recent editorial, "Skepticism that tarnishes," (*CJN*, April 6), which criticized a column of mine in the *Globe and Mail* on the subject of Steven Speilberg's Holocaust documentation project. I believe your editorial seriously misrepresented my column to your readers.

Your editorial said I "questioned the project's worthiness." Yet the column was titled, "Reservations about a worthy project." I never questioned the worthiness of documenting experiences of the Holocaust. My reservation concerned Spielberg's tendency to Hollywoodize and commercialize almost everything he touches. I gave many examples. I said I preferred the work of documenation done by many sincere people long before Spielberg more or less took over the field.

Your editorial said I "speculated on the motives of the survivors for wanting their stories to be recorded." I never did so. The motives of survivors who speak out are well-known and completely understandable. Speculation about that would be stupid. I did broaden the subject to the proliferation of historical documentation in our time (documenting women's history, labor history, the history of the blues, etc.) and asked why such documentation seems so urgent today, especially to those like filmmakers and oral historians who are doing it. I suggested an answer which I felt was respectful to the motives involved and said I support such efforts.

Your editorial said my column "concluded with a question, as provocative as it was rhetorical. "What's accomplished by documenting any of this?" As I've just explained, the question was not rhetorical but genuine; it was about historical documentation in general, not only the Holocaust; and I provided an answer which in my view justifies such documentation rather than impugning it. Furthermore that question did not "conclude" my column; it occurred about two-thirds of the way through. The column did not conclude with a question but with a statement: "No one deserves to die- or live- unknown." That is the exact opposite of the claim your editorial made about my views on the matter.

Rick Salutin
Toronto

Angered by strike of teachers

I fully concur with the comments made by Barry Goldman in the article entitled "UCS strike angers parents" (*CJN* April 20), who stated that "the teachers acted in a wholly unprofessional and inappropriate manner." I just would like to add two more adjectives namely, "they were reckless and irresponsible."

I was one of those parents who car-pooled on April 2 with four children, from Thornhill to the Beth David Synagogue. As soon as I arrived back at my home, I had a frantic call from my child crying, "Please come back immediately, the teachers abandoned us and left the classroom without any supervision." Thanks to the alertness of the principal and three or four parents, who were in the school, they were able to direct the 200 students to the gymnasium until all parents came to pick up their children and avoid the serious consequences of leaving those students without supervision.

I have no sympathy at all toward the teachers who are driven by greed and nothing else. Seven out of the nine teachers at UCS have jobs in other schools and their part-time position is an income supplement, and a good one.

In these difficult times when people should be happy that they have a job these teachers are holding on to two jobs and trying to milk the school and the parents to the maximum. Their action is a black mark on the Hebrew teaching profession. Shame! Shame!

A. Katz
Toronto

UJPO states its position on Israel

We read with some surprise your story, "UJPO Rejoins Congress," in the March 16 issue. The article in question carried the byline of Ben Rose, although it was in fact Gil Kezwer of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency (JTA) who interviewed us by telephone on March 6.

In the original JTA story by Mr. Kezwer in the agency's March 17 release, there are a number of inaccuracies which reappear in *The CJN*. While taking a strong left-wing position on many issues over the years, the United Jewish People's Order (and its Toronto predecessor, the Jewish Labor League) has always been independent of political parties. We therefore regret that CJC president Irving Abella used clichés of the witch-hunt era to characterize the "former" UJPO.

Also, the impression is given that the UJPO has *suddenly* become a supporter of Israel. A large contingent of our members, young and old, marched in the community parade in Toronto in 1948 shortly after the proclamation of the independence of Israel. True, in subsequent years, we criticized policies of Israeli governments which we felt were not in the interests of the people of Israel. Our positions on these issues were similar to those taken by groups like Canadian Friends of Peace Now and others.

With regard to Israel, our longstanding policy document reads, in part:

"Our organization is committed to a viable, secure and prosperous State of Israel. We encourage and support peace movements there. We consider the State of Israel to be a very important sector of the Jewish people and its worldwide communities.

"While supporting the existence and stability of the State of Israel, we consider it our responsibility to voice our opinions as to those policies and actions of Israel which endanger the existence of the State of Israel and peace in the region."

Concurrently, we have opposed the rejectionists of both camps and denounced the fundamentalist suicide bombers of recent months.

David Abramowitz, President
Dr. Ben-Z. Shek, Secretary
Toronto

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Perspectives

Looking Back On Five Years

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Itzhak Shelef looks back on five years as Israel's ambassador to Canada with a mixture of sentiment and satisfaction.

For the 58-year-old envoy, whose term in Ottawa ends this summer, it's been a heady time, he conceded in a recent wide-ranging *CJN* interview. When he was appointed in December 1990 (after having served as minister-counsellor at Israel's embassy from 1981 to 1985), the intifadah and its resulting PR fallout were raging, Soviet olim were pouring into an underprepared Israel and the peace process seemed to be heading nowhere. Canada was a bit player on the Mideast stage, known chiefly for peacekeeping.

Then came the Gulf War. Iraqi Scuds rained on Israeli cities, civilians donned gas masks in sealed rooms and Israel refrained from retaliating against Saddam Hussein, at least for the time being.

Apart from defanging Saddam, the war realigned Middle East alliances, and in the process, the entire world, including Canada, came together in an unprecedented effort to bring peace to the region once and for all.

For Shelef, it was the 1991 Madrid Conference kicking off the peace process and the 1993 signing on the White House lawn of the Declaration of Principles which brought what he calls "dramatic" changes to how the world — including Canada — viewed Israel.

And ever since, Shelef has presided over a veritable parade of advances in Canada-Israel relations — arguably more over the past four years than in the previous decade. These have been the so-called peace dividends.

But the job began as a baptism by fire. Not only were there war clouds gathering over the Mideast, but it was also in December 1990 that then Israeli cabinet minister Moshe Arens told the Canadian Jewish Congress executive that Canada-Israel relations had nowhere to go but up. The widely-reported remark hit a sour chord in Canada's Jewish community, and Shelef had to hit the ground running.

He's been running ever since. The ambassador's first priority was to widen and deepen economic relations between Israel and Canada, and his efforts seem to have paid off. "Economic relations today cannot be compared to what they were four or five years ago," he says. "We are the first country with which Canada established a joint fund for research and development, and the first country not on the American continent with which Canada is negotiating a free trade agreement. These are breakthroughs." Even so, Shelef is disappointed free trade could not come sooner, because its absence has forced many Israeli companies to trade instead with the United States, which has had a free trade pact with Israel for years.

"For us, [free trade] is a priority because we are an exporting country, and both Canada and Israel are traders. We realize the future is in the economy."

For Canada, a deal with Israel would mean greater imports of high tech industrial products, computer software and medical equipment, Shelef feels, while Israel would be able to buy tariff-free Canadian natural resources, lumber and prefabricated houses. "But the real future is in joint ventures between Canadian and Israeli companies."

Another disappointment for him has been Canada's continuing — even increasing — acceptance of Israelis as refugees. In 1994, Canada granted refugee status to a record 380 claimants from Israel (in addition to 300 in the previous five years), the vast majority originally from the former Soviet Union. Typically, their claims allege harassment and even physical persecution in Israel, where they received citizenship upon arrival, because of their mixed status as Jews.

The ambassador was thrust into the fray last summer when the issue boiled over and Israel asked Canada to stop believing the claims. Ottawa, in effect, told Jerusalem to mind its own business. It was a low point in relations, but Shelef diplomatically chalks it up to Canada's inability "to realize that Israel is a democracy that does not produce refugees. This [policy of accepting claims] is something we cannot understand, and we'll never be able to understand it." Canada, he says, is known in Israel as a haven for those making refugee claims — claims Israel says are spurious.

Shelef does have high marks for the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), which he says has done "a good job" lobbying for Israel. "If the CIC did not exist, there would be several voices for Israel, and the strength of the Jewish community is in its unity. It's a warm community which very much cares about Israel. But it has to work hard to keep a united voice."

Bilateral relations over the last five years have added up, Shelef says, to a big boost for Israel and increased stature for Canada in the Jewish state.

"Until the past few years, Canada was active in peacekeeping, in the Golan Heights and in the United Nations. But that has changed, and during my tenure, Canada became actively involved in the political process of the Middle East."

Itzhak Shelef

Indeed, Jerusalem and Ottawa have chalked up the following accomplishments:

- Despite pressure from all political quarters, then prime minister Brian Mulroney refused to link the Gulf War to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the plight of Palestinians.
- Canada continues to "hold the gavel" on one of the most sensitive of the five multilateral working groups on Middle East peace — the problem of Palestinian refugees and their self-described right of return to Israel. Two sessions were held in Ottawa in 1992. Israel boycotted the first and walked out of the second — only to return hours later — because of the participation of so-called diaspora Palestinians, those from outside the territories. Other sessions have followed around the world and Canada has won praise for the steady way it has chaired the round.
- Canada is also a member of the steering committee of the multilateral track and as a participant in the other rounds, has facilitated several projects geared toward the betterment of life in the Gaza Strip, including a rainwater catchment scheme and an updated refugee databank.
- In 1993 in Sydney, N.S., Canada hosted a workshop on how to avoid conflicts at sea. The Senior Naval Officers Symposium, attended by Israel and Arab nations, was designed to bring about maritime confidence building measures, using Canadian expertise. Other workshops have been held at sea.
- Ottawa has earmarked $55 million over five years toward the international aid effort for Gaza and Jericho. That includes $4 million to help repatriate to Gaza some 4,000 Palestinian refugees who lived in Canada Camp, an abandoned Canadian military installation in Egypt.
- In 1993, Canada and Israel signed an unprecedented joint venture in high-tech research and development. The Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Fund (CIIRDF) is designed to promote cooperation between the two countries in private sector high-tech R&D.
- Perhaps the biggest changes have come in bilateral trade, which increased by 20 per cent in the past five years. High level trade delegations travelled to Israel from Quebec and in 1993, Ontario Premier Bob Rae led 12 blue-chip businesspeople on a mission to Jordan and Israel to forge alliances in high-tech R&D. Rae and other political leaders have long called for a Canada-Israel free trade pact, and in late 1994, prime ministers Yitzhak Rabin and Jean Chretien shook hands in Ottawa on the start to free trade talks. Observers believe removal of tariffs could boost two-way trade by billions of dollars. Alberta Premier Ralph Klein is now preparing for a June trip to Israel to discuss trade.

As for Canada's image in Israel, Shelef says it's been burnished over the years by our reputation for fairness, as well as for highly visible landmarks that have changed Israelis' way of life: the country's first supermarkets, SuperSol, were Canadian-built; Jerusalem's new City Hall was designed by Toronto architect Jack Diamond; the Super-Pharm chain of drugstores was built by the Koffler family; and Montreal developer David Azrieli has erected Israel's first shopping malls. The Bronfmans and others have invested heavily in Israel over the years.

Unlike many in the Jewish community who complain about an anti-Israel bias in the Canadian media, the ambassador feels the major media's coverage of Israel, while "there have been problems from time to time," has been "balanced."

Shelef was a visible envoy, criss-crossing the country to meet with media and community groups and to speak at universities, where his reception was often less than hospitable. "Those were not easy audiences," he says. "But I enjoyed it. What I found was that Jewish students were not active enough, and much more should be done on the campuses."

The ambassador, a lawyer by training, is looking forward to returning to his native Jerusalem, where his wife, Malka, is head nurse at the Hadassah Medical Centre. The couple has four grown children and two grandchildren.

Shelef, who came to Ottawa after postings in Addis Ababa and Tokyo, will take fond memories of Canada back to Israel: "I came to appreciate the Canadian way of life and the way problems are tackled. That's what's so special about Canada."

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In honor of Yom Ha'atzmaut, The Embassy of Israel and the CJN invited junior and high school students to submit a short essay on the subject:What Israel Means to Me. We received many well-written and evocative essays. But only two, one from Junior High and one from High School, could be judged the "winning" essays. They appear on page 12. We do wish, however, to single out for special mention, the following submissions and have excerpted a line from each to convey the sense of their authors' efforts.

"Israel is a part of me, a part without which I would not be complete."
Renee Kestelman, Grade 11

"Israel's soil was the only soil where the commandments of the Lord could be given."
Lori Sabo, Grade 11

"I stand on its land, and revel in its air, laden with centuries of history."
Yaakov Wagner, Grade 13

"Israel means life and freedom." *Wendy Kaufman, Grade 9*

"Israel is the core of my Jewish existence." *Craig Nathanson, Grade 10*

Opinions

When a friend dies

We met first some 50 years ago and the unusual happened. The four of us took to one another as if we had always been friends.

By Rabbi Dr. Gunther Plaut

They were David and Aviva Polish. She was the daughter of the distinguished Cleveland educator A. H. Friedland and he, like me, an assistant rabbi serving in Chicago. Who knows what that indefinable something is that draws people together? It does not merely come from an exchange of ideas and parallel thinking — though these play a role. There is something else as well, a sense of certainty that each can rely on the other — and the wonderful thing was that our wives felt the same way. Our children too became part of the equation, and our sons became rabbis, schoolmates in the same seminary.

David was older than I and more learned, an added incentive for me to seek his company. We began to spend our vacations together, which made our leisure time very special. World War II was over and we all looked forward to a life rich in promise and hope. We possessed very little in earthly goods, but we laughed a lot and enjoyed life to the fullest.

David had little time for small talk. He and his wife were flaming Zionists. Both spoke fluent Hebrew and were unconditional lovers of their people. Their values matched ours and we felt comfortable with each other.

In the years that followed we were separated: he remaining in the Chicago area and eventually founding a new synagogue in Evanston, while we moved to Minnesota and later to Toronto. As time went on, we saw each other less and less frequently. Still, there were conferences and exchanges of pulpits; there was David's increasing output of scholarly writings, which brought his thinking to our home. Among these were not only books on history and theology, there were also weekly columns significantly called *Minority Report*. David was a clear and precise thinker who more often than not went against the mainstream of what was popular. He did not hesitate to criticize the establishment and he, the consummate lover of Israel, did not shrink from extending his criticism to Zionist policy when such views could be held privately but were taboo in public discussion.

As his reputation grew, he became a force not only in Chicago but in the country at large. He was a delegate to world Zionist conventions and was a natural choice for president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis. He became one of those who helped to turn the Reform Movement toward a more traditional path. His *Guide for Reform Jews* (co-authored with the late Fredrick Doppelt) was the forerunner of a return to halachic values which culminated in the movement's acceptance of *Gates of Mitzvah*, of which in many ways he was the spiritual father.

In the last few years he was ailing and our calendars began to diverge. But when the call came that he had died, my wife and I knew that something very precious had gone out of our lives. He had been seriously ill but demanded that he be checked out of the hospital so that he could celebrate seder with his family. He did so indeed with his usual intellectual vigor and rigor, with his laughter and the all-encompassing love that he had for his dear ones. All of his children and grandchildren were present. He was the old David Polish once again, so I am told, and two days later he died at home in his sleep.

I went to the funeral, not as a participant, but in respect of a great leader and dear friend. I sat with the family and listened with them and the large congregation of mourners to the tributes paid by his son, his son-in-law and four rabbis of different denominations. The multi-faceted nature of his personality became ever so apparent. Still, all of them had one thing in common: David had been a model for them in their lives and in their strivings. He had always challenged people to thought and value formation and urged them on to higher goals at whatever the cost.

The funeral was a celebration of a great man's life, and I felt the palpable emotion mixed with a kind of spiritual happiness which said: Here was a man we knew. He was our leader, our inspiration and our friend. His place is empty, but we are all the better for having known him and all the richer for his having lived and worked among us.

Celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut

Celebrating Yom Ha'atzmaut in Israel is exciting. The first time I had this experience was in 1967 before the Six Day War.

By Jack Chisvin

It was a different, seemingly smaller Israel then. The countryside was pastoral, the cities less congested, and it was easy to get around. In the two days prior to Yom Ha'atzmaut, I travelled the length of the country and everywhere I went I could sense that something momentous was about to happen. There was a feeling of anticipation in the air — the sights, sounds and smells of history in the making.

Faced Jordanian soldiers

From the Israeli side of a fence demarcating Gaza, I saw the armies of Egypt relentlessly marching. In Ramat Rachel, I faced Jordanian soldiers across barbed wire, pointing their rifles directly at me, ready to shoot. Paradoxically on the border with Lebanon, the tension eased as the Lebanese soldiers posed for photographs with anyone brave (foolish?) enough to approach them.

Although the country was under siege, surrounded by Arab armies, the people showed no signs of despair. The uncertainty challenged their hopes rather than playing to their fears. They were living in the present with their eyes fixed steadily on the future, knowing that their glory years were still ahead. In this state of national self-confidence the tenacious Jewish spirit abounded.

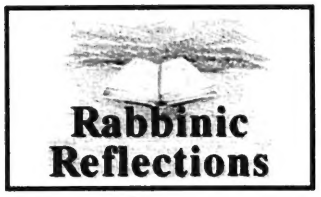
Festivities took place throughout the country. I was part of a privileged audience at a spectacular military tatoo in the university stadium in Jerusalem. Displaying military might was politically correct in those days. I spontaneously revelled with the others, children and adults, in the streets of Tel Aviv. Finally, from my hotel room balcony in Haifa, I could see a ship in the harbor, festooned with lights silhouetting the number 19 in honor of the occasion.

Yom Ha'atzmaut is a holiday for celebrating the coming together of a distinct nation, of which every Jew, whatever manner of life, station or shade of belief, is a member. It is a nation which includes all of us scattered around the world, constituting one indivisible people bound by a common history and a common destiny, determined forever to be masters of our own fate.

On Yom Ha'atzmaut we relate to Israel unlike at any other time. We rejoice in Jewish pride. Proud that all of Israel, from the lonely kibbutz to the bustling city, was built by the labor and devotion of Jews alone and we need not feel obliged to anyone for that which is good, nor apologetic for that which is bad,

Today as in 1967, Israel is on the edge, teetering between anxiety and exhilaration. It is still a troubled and dissonant land. But on this Yom Ha'atzmaut as we celebrate Israel's independence, we sing in our anthem — *Hatikvah* — a message that Jewish hope is alive, and from our dissonance we sound one pure, clear harmonious note to soothe our torn and lacerated spirits.

We must strive to be distinctive



By RABBI YOSIL ROSENZWEIG

One of the difficulties the Jewish people face today is an estrangement from Jewish culture. After Khurban Europa — the European Holocaust — three million dazed Jewish refugees were quickly forced back into society.

Broken lives had to be rebuilt and with urgency. Lifestyle decisions that were made were often at the expense of Jewish culture. Many felt that to get ahead they had to put aside traditions, language, rituals, even belief, for the greater good that the modern world could offer.

Recent studies agree that the Jewish world is in crisis. The alienation of our people from Jewish values and commitments leaves a void that yearns to be filled. Being "normal" in a world full of ever changing options has taken a great toll on our collective consciousness.

All but our large Jewish communities are slowly withering away. Synagogues everywhere are looking for ways to attract the disenfranchised; Jewish community centres are trying to appeal to the unaffiliated; and if it weren't for legalized gambling, many of our service organizations could not finance their ongoing projects.

But this does not have to remain the trend. Our Torah portion this week provides us with the solution to the spiritual trauma we are witnessing. G-d says to Israel, "Kidoshim Ti'hiyu Ki Kadosh Ani" — you shall be holy for I am Holy. Having lost the ability to communicate in the Hebrew language, most of us comprehend kedushah as holiness. A preferable translation would be "distinctiveness." If we consider the land of Israel holy, then it is because among the nations of the world it stands out. If the Jewish people are thought to be holy, then rather than believing that we are better, we must understand ourselves to be unique to the world community.

The Torah teaches us that since our G-d is distinctive, so too must we be distinctive. G-d's distinctive feature (as we explained just a few weeks ago at the Passover seder) is that He personally cares for His people Israel. Forced by famine into Egypt, we were forged into a nation. When we cried out for liberation, He heard our prayers and delivered us from bondage. He is a G-d of action, not just promises. We are a nation of accomplishments, not just believers.

In order to attract the disenfranchised and the unaffiliated, we must reconnect to the culture that produced the great minds of yesteryear. Our concern for becoming "normal" has deprived us of the uniqueness of our holiness. Ask a Christian who are the chosen people and he will right away tell you, "the Jews." Ask a Jew what it means to be the chosen people and he/she will rationalize how we're not so different.

Our eagerness to transform ourselves from the ghetto Jew to the worldly Jew has taken its toll on millions of us. Our invisibility has backfired, leaving us to the fate of so many other once great civilizations. However, we are a holy people who, like G-d, endure. It is specifically our uniqueness that keeps us alive.

A synagogue or community organization in your area is offering adult education classes in how to reconnect. Take advantage of the opportunity. Keep up with your children's Jewish education so that it can be shared between parent and child. If they are not getting a Jewish education, provide them with one. Ask a rabbi what it means to be holy: if he can't answer you, find one that can. And finally, make the Sabbath day holy, every single week. Don't make it a Jewish Sunday — keep it distinctive. Dress appropriately, eat distinctively, pray uniquely, bless your children in words and in touch, delight in the distinctive quality of your holy Jewish family and the brightness of our Jewish light will once again illuminate our lives.

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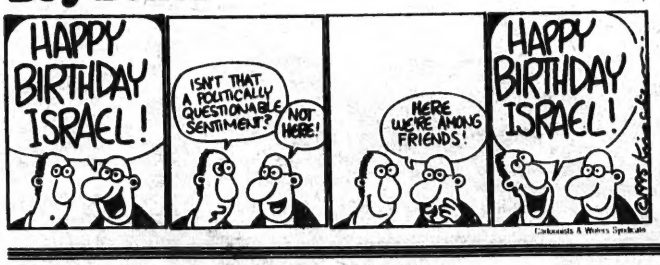

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Features

The few among the many

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Fifty years ago this week, Germany surrendered to the Allies and the so-called one-thousand-year Third Reich dissolved into nothingness.

VE-Day was too late for six million Jews who had perished in the inferno of the Holocaust. But for thousands of Jews who owed their survival to gentile rescuers, VE-Day couldn't have come too soon.

It is a sombre fact, a telling commentary on mankind and Christian-Jewish relations, that the Final Solution — the Nazis' systematic extermination of European Jewry — met scarcely any resistance from non-Jewish communities.

Of the 700 million people in Nazi-occupied Europe, only a tiny fraction were involved in rescue activities. Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial-cum-museum in Jerusalem, has honored more than 11,000 rescuers. Perhaps there were more. But that's really not the point. The point is that righteous, courageous Christians (and Muslims) — the few among the many — came to the fore when their goodwill and assistance were most needed.

Let us be clear. Europeans who lent a helping hand risked their lives and those of their families. In October 1941, the German authorities passed an edict imposing the death penalty on "persons who knowingly provide hiding places for Jews."

The regulation was rigorously applied. Public executions conveyed the message that the Germans meant business. Nevertheless, thousands of gentiles continued to hide Jews. Hideouts ranged the gamut from attics, cellars and haystacks, to closets, monasteries and schools.

Who were the rescuers? Why and how did they do it? What problems arose?

The answers to these questions are found in three fine books — *Conscience and Courage* (Anchor Books, $31.95) by Eva Fogelman; *The Hidden Children* (Random House, $29.50) by Jane Marks; and *Behind the Secret Window* (McClelland & Stewart, $22.99) by Nelly Toll.

Before we proceed further, we should define our terms. According to Yad Vashem, a rescuer is someone whose deed transcended a simple act of charity. For example, a person who gave a Jew a loaf of bread or a bottle of milk is not officially considered a rescuer. Neither is it someone who saved Jews for personal gain, wished to convert their charges to Christianity or wanted to adopt a child. Finally, a rescuer is not a person who participated in Nazi activities or engaged in a last-minute mercy mission to whitewash his/her past.

However, as Fogelman notes, a handful of the rescuers may accurately be described as anti-Semites.

Stanislaw Falkowski, a parish priest from Piekuty Nowe, Poland, was one such man. Despite his sincere belief that the Jews were being rightly punished for their sins, he took in a 15-year-old Jewish boy, convinced that it was his Christian duty to "love his neighbor."

For Father Falkowski, the two concepts were not incompatible. God worked in mysterious ways. The priest never changed his views about Jews. Yet he believed that it was his obligation to conduct his life according to the Christian precepts of compassion and charity.

Of course, the vast majority of rescuers bore no ill toward Jews. Indeed, a great many of them were Judeophiles, or childhood friends of Jews. In the wake of the war, some married those whom they had saved. Some converted to Judaism. Some immigrated to Israel. Some did all three.

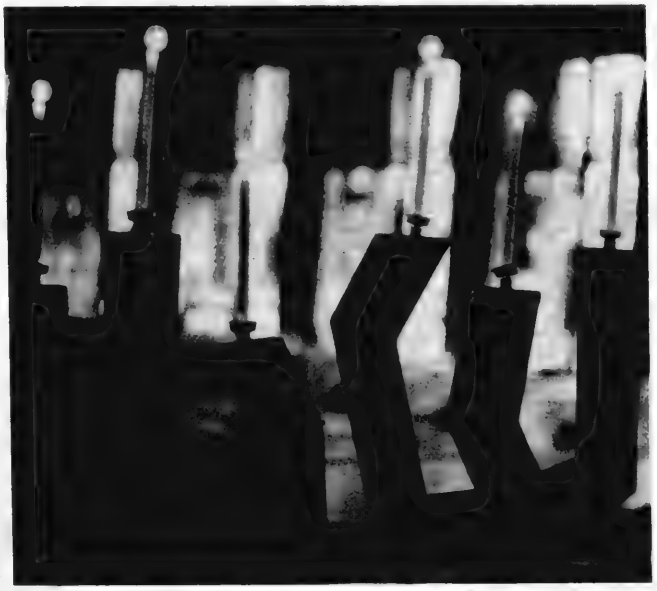
Whatever their motives, all the rescuers confronted a plethora of imponderables after making the basic decision to help. How long would the war last? Which side — Allied or Axis — would win? How long would their commitment be?

What is more, a rescuer lost any chance of preserving a normal life. Comfortable routines were upset. Husbands and wives had to give up their privacy. A careless word, a wrong move, could have severe consequences. As one Dutch rescuer put it: "The rule was: If you help Jews, you will be treated as one and sent directly to a concentration camp."

Informers were everywhere. The Nazis offered rewards for information leading to the capture of Jews. In Poland, professional blackmailers, known as szmalcowniks, extorted money and valuables by threatening to denounce their victims.

More often than not, the neighbors of rescuers resented their altruism — viewing rescuers as selfish and foolish because they endangered the lives of everyone around them.

The general rule of thumb was that the fewer people who knew, the better. One Polish rescuer, who concealed Jews in another apartment across town, did not tell his wife. He feared the knowledge would be too frightening for her to bear.



And yet, Fogelman adds, rescuers who were part of networks were better able to manage their responsibilities, fears and isolation than single individuals. In several cases, entire towns — Assisi, Italy; Le Chambon, France; and Nieuwlande, Holland — cared for Jews on the run.

Be that as it may, some Jews had a better chance of survival than others. Jewish women who could pass as Christians and possessed false identity papers were generally best off. The most difficult to place were males with strong Jewish features.

Children were problematic, their unpredictability giving rescuers reason for pause.

In Nazi-occupied areas, the prewar Jewish child population was about 1.6 million, writes Marks. During the Holocaust, an estimated 1.5 million were killed, leaving only six to seven per cent of them alive at the end of the war. In Poland, for children from infancy to 14, the survival rate was even lower: 0.5 per cent.

In all countries, she observes, attempts to reclaim Jewish children usually led to complicated and heart-rending reactions.

Everyone suffered — rescuers, parents and children.

But Nelly Toll was luckier than most children. She lived through the war in Lwow, Poland, with her mother.

In the spring of 1943, when Toll was 8 years old, her resourceful father arranged a hiding place with a Polish family, the Wojteks, in an Aryan section of Lwow. Like Anne Frank, she began keeping a diary. It inspired her to compose *Behind the Secret Window*, a slender volume which contains Toll's bright, adolescent drawings.

She and her mother spent 13 months with the Wojteks, usually in a locked bedroom. If danger loomed, they climbed into a little cubicle obscured by a colorful kilim rug.

Three crises shook Toll and her mother.

Following an Allied air raid, a bomb fragment pierced her mother's ankle. The Wojteks attended to the wound, but not before blaming her for getting in harm's way.

In another dark moment, the Wojteks suddenly asked them to leave. There was an emotional scene and the Wojteks relented.

The last crisis occurred on the eve of the liberation of Lwow, when Krysia Wojtek announced in an agitated voice that the words "Jews are hiding here" had been scribbled in white chalk on the kitchen door. A couple of days after she had wiped the writing off the door, three Jews from a nearby building, their heads bent, were led away by the Gestapo. A Pole had denounced them.

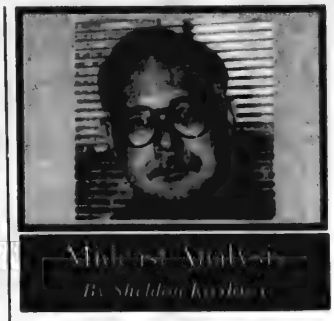
Not long afterward, the Germans were driven out of the city by the Red Army. The Tolls had survived their ordeal. A new beginning lay ahead. They left Europe and immigrated to the United States.

Whether they maintained contact with the Wojteks is unclear. In the aftermath of the war, a number of Jewish survivors kept in touch with their rescuers. But many others, eager to forget the past and get on with their lives, eventually lost contact with their rescuers.

Not surprisingly, the war affected virtually every rescuer. Fogelman believes that they, too, were victims of Nazi terror, suffering various forms of post-traumatic stress disorder.

No one, really, emerged from the Holocaust physically or mentally unscathed. But at least the rescuers could stand tall and proud. Against all odds, they had conformed to the highest norms of human behavior.

They had behaved like mentshen.



Rabin's conundrum

Do good fences make good neighbors?

Yitzhak Rabin has been struggling with that conundrum since a rash of Islamic fundamentalist suicide bombings have claimed the lives of more than 60 Israelis.

With each dreadful explosion, Rabin has been pushed further toward a policy of "separation," the sealing off of Israel's pre-1967 borders to the Palestinians of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank.

Yet Rabin is hardly enthusiastic about this Draconian solution. Separation, he realizes, goes against the grain of Labor party pragmatism. It marks a sharp departure from the objective of integrating Israel's economy with that of the West Bank and Gaza, an idea pioneered by Moshe Dayan. And it is a stinging rejection of the economic agreement signed by Israel and the PLO in 1993.

More to the point, separation plays into the hands of spoilers, spearheaded by Hamas and Islamic Jihad, who seek to wreck the prospects for peace.

These forces understand the dynamics of terrorism. By spilling Jewish blood, the Islamic fundamentalists achieve several goals. They provoke the Israeli government into collective retaliatory punishment against the Palestinians — thereby damaging the already battered peace process, bolstering Arab radicals, strengthening the Jewish settlers and their allies, impoverishing ordinary Palestinian still further, and finally, weakening Rabin and Yasser Arafat at a time when they simply cannot afford to appear ineffective.

Rabin, in particular, is sensitive to the argument that constant closures worsen conditions for Palestinian workers, who are dependent on Israel for their livelihood.

Only several years ago, upwards of 150,000 Palestinians commuted from Gaza and the West Bank to jobs in Israel. But due to the Gulf War and the worrisome upsurge of terrorism in the past two years, the number has been gradually whittled down to about 50,000. Israel has replaced the Palestinians with Asians and East Europeans.

With negligible industry in the territories, the redundant Palestinian workers have been set adrift on a sea of uncertainty and deprivation. By all accounts, the closures cost the Palestinian National Authority, based in Gaza and Jericho, about $2 million a day in lost wages, the equivalent of the funds promised by foreign donors.

Nevertheless, in order to clamp down on terrorism and to buff his image in advance of next year's general election, Rabin has more or less embraced the concept of separation.

Israel has erected an electronic fence around Gaza and has decreed it off limits to Israeli trucks. And now, Rabin is seriously thinking of creating a costly security strip, with fences and minefields, along the contours of the West Bank.

But with 120,000 Jewish settlers living cheek by jowl with a multitude of Arabs in Judea and Samaria, can separation really be considered a practical option?

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'WHAT ISRAEL MEANS TO ME'

More than a symbol of Jewish faith

By JOSH LAMBERT

Josh Lambert

In the search for the meaning of the State of Israel, it is all too easy to dismiss it as a symbol of the Jewish faith. We can easily put it on the level of the star of David and the yarmulke as an emblem for Jews worldwide.

However, Israel is much more than a mere banner for the Jewish faith, just as the Torah is more than a book of commandments. In actuality, Israel not only represents the ideals of Judaism, it also protects and serves Jewish religion and culture everywhere. And as it has an everlasting role in the continuity of the Jews, its functions change with the times.

One of the defining characteristics of the State of Israel is that it is not an arbitrary land mass. The pioneers of the Jewish State rejected a Uganda settlement because it did not have the historical background of Palestine, and they were right to do so. A tree is nothing without roots, and a Jewish state in Uganda would have fallen quickly. The State of Israel, on the other hand, has survived numerous wars and thousands of terrorist attacks because of the deep-seated connection between Palestine and Judaism.

This connection is a large part of the international brotherhood felt by Jews everywhere. Jews not only have a common history, but a common home, and they are bound together by it. Jews will campaign for their brothers no matter where they live, and if need be, they will even fight for them. This kinship is a vital part of Judaism and Jewish survival in the 20th century and beyond.

As well as creating a link among Jews worldwide, the political State of Israel gives Jews a means through which they can express their brotherhood. By providing economic support and political pressure, Israel can help Jews when the international Jewish community cannot. Examples of this are abundant: Operations Exodus and Solomon are just two of the larger, more recent efforts. In this way, Israel protects Jews no matter where they live, and gives confidence even to those living in safe countries.

The relationship between the Diaspora Jewish community and Israel is hardly a one-directional one, though, and while the simple existence of the State of Israel contributes to the longevity of Jews everywhere, the opposite is not true. Jews must realize that without their active support of Israel, the relationship between the two and the individual status of each are sorely threatened. While individual Jewish communities can be counted on by Israel for millions of dollars each year, fundraising isn't nearly enough, and there is perhaps a more important focus for their efforts. Respected and politically influential Jews in free countries must be constantly reminded to lobby and campaign and use their political leverage to garner support for Israel in their governments, their media, and the global community.

In truth, Israel is no more a symbol for Judaism than a tree is a symbol for the fruit it bears. The tree and the fruit are inescapably linked, and their relationship is a complex one. Each is responsible for the continued existence of the other, and changes in either affect both. A tree has roots protecting and providing for the fruit, and branches which expand and create more space for fruit to grow. In return, the fruit provides the tree with a means of continued existence by spreading seeds. Israel and the Jews are also bound together in an eternal give-and-take. This relationship, when well protected, is not only beneficial for all, but truly a thing of beauty.

Josh Lambert is a Grade 10 student at Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

Always a special place in my heart

By NATALIE KRINSKY

Natalie Krinsky

The land of milk and honey, Canaan, Judea, Zion, Israel. Whatever it is called, Israel will always hold a special place in my heart. It is a nation of joy and unity, but most importantly, it is the Jewish homeland.

Over the years, Israel has opened its arms and heart to Jews in need from all over the world. Whether Moroccan, Iraqi, or more recently, Russian, Ethiopian and Bosnian, Israelis have fostered their fellow Jews.

To me, Israel is a second home, a place where my family can gather, be welcomed, have fun and feel loved. Israel is a place where one can experience the true meaning of klal Yisrael.

Following the Holocaust, hundreds of thousands of Jews whose families perished in death camps, came to Israel to rebuild their lives. Times were tough, but they pulled together and used their ingenuity to build a country which all Jews today can call home. Unfortunately, their struggle to survive was not over in the new country. Following the Declaration of Independence, Israel was cruelly attacked by its neighboring countries. Despite the many obstacles in its young life, Israel and Israelis have always looked positively towards the future.

Israel's long lasting desire for peace is becoming a reality. Israel and other Middle Eastern countries such as Jordan and Egypt are currently working towards a comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

Both my mother and father were born in Israel and my grandparents had settled there after the Holocaust. I have visited Israel quite a few times. Although each visit has been different, they have all been thoroughly enjoyable. Israel is a unique mix of past and present. The Western Wall and the cobblestone streets of Jerusalem, the discos on the beaches of Tel Aviv and the magnificent campuses on Mount Scopus and Ramat Aviv are woven together like a colorful batik. Each of these places holds a special memory for me.

One of my earliest childhood memories took place in Israel. I was about 3 years old. My mother and my uncle took me on a day tour to Jerusalem. One of the sights we visited was the Western Wall. My mother explained to me that it is traditional to write a wish on a piece of paper and place it in one of the gaps in the wall. I was so excited by this idea that I insisted on writing down my own note on a small piece of paper. I wished for a pink My Little Pony. A week later, when I returned to Canada, my wish was granted! I received My Little Pony as a birthday gift.

This August I will become a bat mitzvah. I have chosen to have the event in Israel. The bat mitzvah service symbolizes the progression from childhood to adulthood and it creates a strong connection with Judaism. It was always my wish to celebrate my bat mitzvah in Israel. It is an extremely special event for me and my family and I wanted to spend it in my homeland.

Israel is like a knot that ties all Jews together. I hope that Israel is as great as an inspiration to other young people as it is to me and that my generation and future generations to come will keep the flame of Judaism going, sharing in the pain and the glory of Israel as past generations have done before us. Although I am Canadian, Israel means a great deal to me. Israel is my second home.

Natalie Krinsky is a grade 7 student in Dundas, Ontario.

Jewish Life

Weizman: *Together we will make Israel more attractive*

The following is Israeli President Ezer Weizman's Independence Day message to communities abroad for 5755-1995.

On the eve of the 47th anniversary of the State of Israel, close to its half century, the message which I wish to convey to you applies basically and above all to the relations between the Jews in Israel and our brothers and sisters in the Diaspora.

Israel has made exceptional advances in science, technology, commerce and industry in this short time. The readiness of nations throughout the world to establish closer relations with us is testimony to their esteem. It stems not only from our desire for peace, love of peace and commitment to making peace, but from the courage and intellectual ability of our people.

We are living in changing times. In the process of talks with our neighbors, our progress is hampered by terrorists trying to slow rapprochement.

It is imperative that, within the next five to 10 years, our people in the Diaspora send their children here to contribute their knowledge and expertise. The significance of sons and daughters coming to Israel in large numbers to feel and breathe the atmosphere cannot be overemphasized. Israelis, on their part, will take them to their hearts.

Together we will make Israel more and more attractive to all Jews in the Diaspora and create the large Jewish centre to which we aspire. Together we will be able to advance even further Israel's scientific and technological development and deepen our understanding of our ancient Jewish culture.

The State of Israel achieved its position due to its democratic nature and the fact that its people aimed for peace and fought for it, despite all difficulties. We now call on you to stand shoulder to shoulder with us in our daily tasks in order to build a better future for the children and grandchildren of Jews everywhere.

Rabin: *We are a step closer to our dream of peace*

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's Independence Day message.

Dear Friends,

On this festive occasion of Israel's 47th Independence Day, it gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest greetings to the Jewish communities in the Diaspora and all our friends around the world. Israel is the heart of the Jewish people, and united Jerusalem forever its capital. This is a celebration not only for Israelis but for Jews everywhere.

From our very first Independence Day, when the joy of the re-establishment of the Jewish state was mingled with the sound of enemy fire and the cries of dying comrades, we have dreamed of peace. This Independence Day we are one step closer to fulfilling that dream.

This year, too, we have lost precious lives through terrorism. This year, too, we went to the military cemeteries many times. The bereaved gather more and more families into their midst, and the war is not yet over. I have no words of consolation for you, because I know well that no words can ever heal the pain and that all words lose their meaning when they meet your faces and your eyes. The pictures of those dear to you — and to us — appear before your wide-open eyes; they will forever remain young children whom we will always love.

We will continue our quest for peace, despite the terror and day-to-day difficulties, for it is the only way to bring an end to the suffering between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples. At the same time, we will fight those who fight the peace.

The barbed wire which once separated Israel and Jordan has been torn down, the mine fields have been swept clean and army binoculars have been replaced by tourists' cameras.

Peace with Jordan has paved the way for joint economic cooperation and helped strengthen our contacts with other nations in the region with whom we hope to have full diplomatic relations soon.

There is still a long way to go, however. Genuine peace cannot be achieved without cost and risks. But we know that in our effort to overcome these challenges, we have partners we can count on — you! In winning the peace, as in winning a war, we need your continued support and understanding.

There are internal struggles as well. We are still faced with the task of nation-building. We need your support to build a secure home for the Jewish people, not only against challenges on our borders and beyond, but against challenges from within. We are still absorbing the large wave of Jewish immigrants who have arrived over the last few years. We still have distressed neighborhoods and families at risk in need of special attention. We are still actively reforming our economy to enable us to compete in a dynamic, international marketplace. Israel should continue to play a central role in the life of Diaspora Jewry.

We have always talked about the partnership between Jews in Israel and the Diaspora. It is a mutual commitment. We are facing unprecedented risks — but so are you. You have stood up for Israel and the Jewish communities in Russia, Yemen, Ethiopia and Syria, when they were in danger. Now it is Israel's turn to assist the Jewish communities, in the United States and elsewhere, which are threatened, not only by anti-Semitism, but by assimilation and religious, cultural and spiritual distress. We stand by your side in this struggle, and will make every effort to aid you to overcome the dangers you face, as you previously helped our Jewish brethren around the world surmount theirs.

For thousands of years, the Jewish people has survived and flourished in the face of all dangers, against all odds, because, as it is written: "All Jews are responsible for one another." Together, we will continue the glorious pageant of Jewish history, in our homeland and wherever Jews live. Am Yisrael Chai!

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From coast to coast

Bergen-Belsen liberation marked in Victoria

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The city's 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen death camp by the British army was observed here on April 15 as Bergen-Belsen Remembrance Day, but because of Passover, it was later followed by a memorial service at the Jewish Community Centre.

Peter Gary, head of the Victoria Holocaust Remembrance and Education Society and a survivor of Bergen-Belsen, and Michel Mielnicki of Vancouver both spoke of their horrifying experiences at the camp.

One of the liberators, Dr. George Woodwark, who lives on Vancouver Island, reported on what he found when he came to the camp on April 16, 1945.

Nat Lochoff, a close friend of Gary's, read from the report of the liberation by the British commander of the 102 Control Section of the 2nd Army, which took over the camp after it was surrendered by the Nazis.

The report stated that on April 12, 1945, the chief of staff of the 1st German Parachute Army approached the brigadier-general staff of the British 8th Corps. The Germans said typhus was raging at Bergen-Belsen and they couldn't, or wouldn't, cope with the situation. The Germans asked the British to "come in and take the place."

On April 13, terms of a special truce were drawn up (a battle was raging all around the Belsen area) and the British agreed to come. A neutral area was defined to allow the British to come safely.

Under the terms of the truce, the SS camp staff was to remain, "the British doing what they liked with them. Hungarians attached to the German army were also to remain, armed, and be used by the British until such time as there was no use for them."

The first British to arrive on April 15 were members of an anti-tank battery. With them was Brig. Glyn Hughes, deputy director of the medical services of the 2nd Army.

The report says, "The scene which met the first comers beggars description. There were about 50,000 people in the camp, of whom about 10,000 lay dead in the huts or about the camp. Those still alive had had no water or food for seven days, after a long period of semi-starvation. Typhus, among other diseases, was raging. There was filth everywhere ... the very air was posioned."

The Nazis, including officers and women, were put to work burying the dead. British reinforcements arrived to help move the living to four hospitals and three transit camps in the barracks' area.

The report says 28,900 were evacuated from the camp, of whom 2,006 died afterwards. The British supervised the burial of 23,000 in total. The daily death rate was "terribly high," but steadily decreased.

After making certain the living victims had been given proper medical care, and some had begun the long trek back to their homes, the British burned the camp at 6 p.m. on May 22.

At the memorial service, Martin Reynard and Marion Siegel sang concentration camp songs; appropriate poems were read by Barry Mutter; and Crystal Gary read from *The Diary of Anne Frank*. Rabbi Victor Reinstein led the Kaddish for the dead.

Annual Yom Hashoah services were held at the Holocaust Memorial in the Jewish Cemetery on April 23.

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Canadians learn to read Hebrew

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

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The April 23 program was built around the "whole word recognition" method developed by American rabbi Noah Golinkin, and promised participants a reading vocabulary of 180 words by the end of the day.

The results? Three hours into a class held at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre in Toronto — one of nine locations in the city — the 23 students were sailing briskly through the Hebrew alef-bet, sometimes overtaking instructor Lori Gershon in their enthusiasm.

"It's like watching a light turn on," said participant Zandra Brown. "It's getting brighter and brighter." Brown, a third-year sociology student at the University of Toronto, said she signed up for the $47 course to augment the Jewish history classes she is taking at the university.

Leibel Kates, another participant, expressed a desire to better read the prayer books at his Conservative synagogue, while Georgina Cannon said she had just begun exploring her Jewish background and felt Hebrew literacy was essential for "the title 'Jew' to be more than just a title."

Organizers of the program are already planning next year's event, which will be timed once again to coincide with Yom Ha'atzmaut.

"This is such an easy, open, unthreatening way to learn," beamed Rabbi Elyse Goldstein of Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, a co-sponsor of the program with ARZA, the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism.

That's not to say there weren't moments of frustration. Beverly Applebaum, a grandmother who is hoping to have a bat mitzvah some day, announced she was ready to quit 45 minutes into the session.

"It's these vowels," she later admitted over lunch. "They are driving me crazy."

From coast to coast

Harris steps down from CJC war crimes committee

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Am I giving up?"

Milton Harris, the man who has lobbied successive Canadian governments to prosecute war criminals, repeated the reporter's question, incredulous that it should be asked.

The question arose because Harris, 68, is stepping down as chair of the Canadian Jewish Congess war crimes committee after 12 years at the helm.

"My conscience wouldn't allow me to give up, let alone the obligation we have to the survivors in our midst. If anything, I have even more responsibility because my family is the only Jewish family I know that did not lose someone in the Holocaust."

The man who was president of Congress in 1983-86 and who put war crimes at the top of his agenda says candidly "we didn't accomplish a lot."But few will say it was for lack of trying.

Milton Harris

"It's time for some one else to take over, I haven't got very far, I'll certainly be available to help, depending on who is the new chair and whether I'm needed."

The present situation, in which the government has promised action against four alleged war criminals, sums up the frustration he has felt. "They've moved on one, they're late in taking action on the others, and we don't agree with their reasons for only taking action on four cases. The reasons they give are pure b--- s---."

On the desk of the cabinet minister involved are reports by senior officers recommending action against 12 alleged war criminals, Harris notes.

"I've been around long enough to believe it when it happens," he said.

Through the tortuous turnings and twistings of government policy on the war crimes issue, Harris says one event stands out as a landmark. "That was when [then] prime minister Brian Mulroney announced the formation of the Royal Commission on War Crimes headed by Judge Jules Deschenes which reported in 1986 leading to the War Crimes legislation in 1987. Mulroney never told me why he did it. I think it has something to do with his being shanty Irish."

Congress waged one battle after another to get the government to release parts of the Deschenes report classified as secret for security reasons. Along the way, Harris recalls, Congress learned that bureaucrats had deliberately excised parts of two international treaties on stateless persons which excepted protection for war criminals. "They wilfullly distorted those treaties so the government would have an excuse for not taking action."

Harris said he is often asked if anti-Semitism is behind the government's failure to act. "I didn't experience any anti-Semitism,"he said. "In my experience it is the failure of senior government bureaucrats to be sensitive to all sides of a situation, just as they were insensitive to the plight of Jews in the 1940s and before."

It may be, he says, that a new approach is needed on the war criminals issue. "I believed in taking a pragmatic approach, in working with government. Another approach is to continuously carp at the government's failure to act."

Harris expects to have more time now to pursue his interest in Israel, a subject on which he has been far from reticent in the past. "We're on the verge of peace there, I hope, or to a break-up which will end the chance of peace in my lifetime."

A man who believes strongly in the right of Jews to speak out openly on Israel or affairs in their own community, Harris said he is worried that young Jews "think we're a monolithic, closed community, that's not a good perception."

One thing is sure. We haven't heard the last of Milton Harris. "After all I've been active in organized Jewry for 60 years."It's true, he was president of Young Judea in London, Ontario when he was eight.

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Thurs	4	CIC Meeting with CBC Radio's Mark Lavie	Canada Israel Committee	8:00 pm	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation
Sun	7	Community Sponsored Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration	Canadian Zionist Federation	10:00 am	Mel Lastman Square - North York Civic Centre
Wed	10	Women and Substance Abuse	Jewish Women's Federation S&P Annual Program	7:30 pm	Adath Israel Synagogue
Thurs	11	Lecture: Gad Yaakobi, Israeli Ambassador to UN	Canadian Jewish Congress & Labour Zionist Movement	7:30 pm	Borochov Centre
Sun	14	Baycrest Challenge	Baycrest Centre	9:00 am	Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
Mon	15	Public Medical Forum	Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation	7:30 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Tues	16	South African Community Outreach	United Jewish Appeal Community Cabinet	7:30 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
Tues	16	Expulsion & Memory	Canadian Friends of Hebrew University	7:45 pm	Ontario Science Centre
Tues	16	An Address by David Levy, M.K. (in French)	Canadian Sephardi Federation, Ontario Sephardi Association & Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region	8:00 pm	Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla Congregation
Wed	17	44th Annual Humanitarian Award Dinner	Beth Sholom Brotherhood	6:00 pm	Beth Sholom Synagogue
Thurs	18	Yiddish Festival & Holocaust Remembrance	Committee for Yiddish and Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Goethe Institut	8:00 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
Wed	24	Honouree Dinner	Netivot Hatorah Day School	6:00 pm	Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto
Thurs	25	Panel Lunch "Family Violence"	Na'amat Toronto	12:00 pm	Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Thurs	25	Dinner Honouring Conrad Black & Barbara Amiel	Jerusalem Foundation of Canada	6:00 pm	Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Sun	28	Community March for Israel & Festival	United Jewish Appeal	10:30 am	Promenade Shopping Centre (south to Bathurst Jewish Centre)
Sun	28	Chai Campaign Dinner Honouring Mr & Mrs Ben Stark	Shaarei Shomayim Congregation	6:00 pm	Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
Mon	29	Gala	Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary	6:00 pm	Sheraton Centre
Mon	29	Festival Yom Yerushalayim w. Cantor Yehuda Rottner	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am	8:00 pm	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation
Tues	30	Youth Aliyah Evening with Barbie Casselman	Toronto Hadassah-WIZO	7:30 pm	Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
Tues	30	Choral Event	Koffler Gallery/Jewish Music Toronto	8:00 pm	Holy Blossom Temple
Wed	31	"Investing in Israel" w. Harvey Krueger	Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce	12:00 pm	Crown Plaza Hotel
Wed	31	Gala Opening & Reception "Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"	Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University	7:00 pm	O'Keefe Centre
Wed	31	Annual Joseph & Faye Firestone Concert	Beth Tzedec Congregation	8:00 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
JUNE					
Wed	7	Annual Meeting	Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto	7:30 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
Thurs	8	Annual Meeting	Jewish National Fund	7:00 pm	Inn on the Park
Sun	11	Dedication Ceremony of New Campus	Associated Hebrew Day School	1:00 pm	Atkinson Avenue Campus, Thornhill
Sun	11	"A Celebration of Life" - Special Tree Planting Ceremony	Jewish Family & Child Service - Bereaved Jewish Families	2:00 pm	Earl Bales Park
Sun	11	Dream Weavers Cruise	Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute	4:30 pm	Red Path Sugar Docks - Foot of Jarvis St.
Mon	12	Installation	Toronto Hadassah-WIZO	6:00 pm	Adath Israel Synagogue
Mon	12	Family-In-Israel Event	Emunah Women of Canada	7:00 pm	Shaarei Tefillah Congregation
Tues	13	Gala Wedding	Jewish Russian Community Centre	5:00 pm	Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto
Wed	14	Annual Meeting	Baycrest Centre Foundation	12:00 pm	Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
Wed	14	1995 Volunteer Recognition	Mount Sinai Hospital Volunteer Services	12:00 pm	Mount Sinai Hospital
Thurs	15	Bachelor Auction	Beit Halochem Canada	7:00 pm	Baycrest Terrace
Sun	18	Event Honouring Jerusalem 3000	Aish Hatorah	8:00 pm	North York Performing Arts Centre
Mon	19	Annual General Meeting - Man of the Year David Goldstein	Baycrest Centre Men's Service Group	7:30 pm	Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care
Tues	20	Tribute Dinner	Jerusalem College of Technology	6:00 pm	Inn on the Park
Tues	20	CHAT Fundraiser: Toronto Blue Jays Evening	Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto	8:00 pm	Skydome
Wed	21	Annual Dinner Dance	Reena	6:00 pm	Regal Constellation Hotel
Mon	26	Dinner Honouring Rabbi S.K. Weinberg	Eitz Chaim Day School	6:00 pm	Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto
Mon	26	Yiddish Folksong Concert	Yiddish Committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto	7:00 pm	Earl Bales Park
Tues	27	Cocktail Reception Honouring Rabbi David Monson	Canadian Friends of Shaare Zedek Hospital	7:30 pm	Beth Sholom Synagogue

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From coast to coast

Eban says peace failure would be disastrous

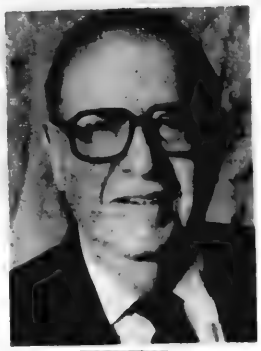
By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel's elder statesman, Abba Eban, issued a dire warning last week, saying that the breakdown of the current Middle East peace process would be disastrous for Israel and its Arab neighbors.

Without elaborating, Eban said that failure by the parties to reach a peaceful settlement would lead to an "inferno of hatred and antagonism."

And should this scenario unfold, he suggested, another generation may well pass before peace talks can be resumed again.

Eban, 80, delivered his remarks to an overflow audience at Holy Blossom Temple. Irving Abella, the outgoing president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, introduced him as "the voice of the Jewish people" and "a master of diplomacy and the English language."



Abba Eban

Now retired from government service, Eban was foreign minister in the 1960s and 1970s, when Israel fought two wars. He was often called to defend Israel at the United Nations, and he did so with aplomb and eloquence, in the opinion of observers.

The topic of his Gerald Schwartz/Heather Reisman lecture here was Fifty Years After The War: Personal Reflections. And while he reminisced about Israel's first decades as a sovereign state, he spoke at length about the maturity of Israel's political culture.

Declaring that it has been moving with the "spirit and impulse of the present age," Eban said Israel has learned it can no longer rule over another people — the Palestinians — without their consent.

Israel, he observed, was most "vulnerable and insecure" after the 1967 Six Day War, when it occupied an area from the Suez Canal to the Golan Heights.

During this period, Israel was "greatly overextended" and could only have maintained the status quo at an "agonizing price."

Though replete with terrorism and personal tragedies, the current Mideast peace process does not exact from Israel the kind of high casualties it sustained between 1967 and the 1973 Yom Kippur War, he said.

In a reference to Israel's smaller dimensions following withdrawals from Arab territories since the Yom Kippur War, Eban, a member of the Labor party, mused, "Do not believe that big is beautiful if [Israel] is overextended."

Looking forward, he said that Israel's task is to bring "our rights and interests" into harmony with its Arab adversaries.

And while Israelis should be inspired by the grand sweep of their history, he added, they should not be enslaved by it.

Baycrest launches largest campaign

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The largest fund-raising campaign in the history of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care was launched at the Inn on the Park at the end of March.

The $60 million organizers hope to raise are intended for a new Jewish Home for the Aged, a Centre for Cognitive Disorders, research, the expansion and development of rehabilitation services, for community outreach and respite care, and for educational activities.

The Apotex Foundation kick-started the campaign with a $6 million donation, and the new building will be called the Apotex Centre, Jewish Home for the Aged.

The nine co-chairs, Allan Offman, Harry Gorman, Mira Koschitzky, Paul Morton, Neil Nisker, Jack Rose, Joseph Rotman, Sam Ruth, and Judy Scheininger, are all active in communal and charitable affairs.

Each of them, said campaign director Charles Diamond, has his or her particular portfolios (Nisker and Scheininger, for instance, are in charge of major gifts, while Morton and Rotman are responsible for corporate gifts), but "they all work as a team as well."

The current Jewish Home for the Aged, which opened in 1968, is completely out of date, Diamond told *The CJN*.

"It was built for the well elderly in their 60s and 70s. The average age now is 85, and 92 per cent need assistive devices to walk."

Because curent government policy is to keep people at home for as long as possible, Baycrest will be expanding its community outreach program, so that it will be able to service more people more effectively, Diamond added.

The Centre for Cognitive Disorders will serve those with Alzheimer's disease, strokes, Parkinson's disease, as well as other conditions which require very special kinds of treatment.

In a media release, Offman noted the obligation to protect the growing aged population.

"It is up to us to give them the best quality of life, and to help them maintain their independence and dignity."

The nine chairs and the staff of Baycrest, Diamond said, all share that vision.

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From coast to coast

Eitz Chaim students raise funds for Jay Feinberg

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "We just wanted to help out," explain Eitz Chaim Grade 6 students Adena Philips and Naomi Skorecki.

Touched by the story of Jay Feinberg, the 26-year-old New Jersey man fighting a battle against chronic myelogenous leukemia, Adena and Naomi organized their own drive to raise funds for bone marrow screening drives.

They bought, imprinted and sold some 500 pens, raising $1,800 for Feinberg.

They got the idea from Adena's father, Dr. Edward Philips, a Toronto dentist, who had some pens made up for him. Besides, Adena noted, pens are "something people use every day."

They found sponsors for their project by combing family phone books and shul lists for businesses and professionals who might want to help pay for the blood tests, which cost $60 each.

"We needed $400 to buy the pens," said Naomi. "But we got over $1,000, so we could get extra."

Each pink and teal pen was imprinted "Do the WRITE thing. Support JAY and other victims."

Naomi and Adena sold the pens at two dollar each at a learnathon for Feinberg, at science fairs, at school ("We did really well at lunchtime," Naomi noted), to friends and family.

Adena's father is extremely proud of the girls' achievement. "They did everything themselves. They got the sponsors, priced different companies, ordered the pens, and organized sales.

"It came from their hearts."

Reached at the headquarters of Friends of Jay in New York, Feinberg's mother Arlene said "I want those kids to know that [their concern and help] keep the smiles on *my* kid's face."

Her son's condition, she said, is stable. "He is holding his own — and that's another miracle."

Adena Philips (left) and Naomi Skorecki raised $1,800 for blood screening tests for Jay Feinberg and others who need bone marrow transplants.

A birthday in Israel

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was their 25th trip to Israel but this time there was a difference. In honor of Isadore Black's 80th birthday, their four children sent him and his wife, Belle, on a holiday.

The Blacks combined it with receptions in their honor by State of Israel Bonds; the Ponevez Yeshiva, where he is a member of the board of governors; and Boy's Town Jerusalem, which they have supported for years.

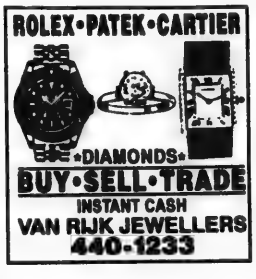
A well known merchant, civic leader and Peterborough Citizen of the Year in 1991, Black has been active in the affairs of the 1,000-student yeshivah since a 1959 Israel trip. Then he discovered that his father Philip had attended the original Ponevez Yeshiva in Lithuania.

Philip Black, who died in 1941, was the first rabbi in Peterborough and served it from 1907 to 1912.

"This was the trip of my lifetime," Black told *The CJN*. "My greatest pleasure is to go to the early morning services at the yeshivah and face the ark which was brought from Italy 600 years ago."

Boy's Town in Jerusalem has made phenomenal strides in computer programming, Black said, citing its ability to program an ambulance ride through the city to avoid red lights.

The Blacks' children are Shelley, an executive at Maclean Hunter Publishing; Philip, a manufacturers' representative; Martin, an Ottawa lawyer; and David, a real estate agent.



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What's New

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, May 4, is deadline for May 18 issue, and Thursday, May 11, is deadline for May 25 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Saturday, May 6

A POETRY READING

Metro Toronto Lodge B'nai Brith celebrates Israel's 47th birthday with an evening of poetry by **Rafi Aaron**, a former recipient of Tel Aviv Foundation Writer's Prize, 9:15 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre banquet hall (Bathurst-Sheppard). Tickets $5 at the door.

MITZVAH, MEANING, MYSTICISM

Join Ohr Somayach of Thornhill in a classic melava malka and lecture, Mitzvah, Meaning and Mysticism, with **Rabbi Dovid Gottlieb**, senior lecturer at Ohr Somayach/Tanenbaum College, Jerusalem, 10 p.m., 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Reservations/information, 483-0883.

A GAMES EVENING

Toronto ORT Hertzliah chapter celebrates ORT Month with a casino, games, cards, prizes and fun, 8 p.m., 255 Woodland Acres Cres., Maple, (Bathurst St. north of Elgin Mills). Cost $18. For tickets/information, ORT office 787-0297.

BBYO DANCE

BBYO welcomes all teens to the Spring Dance, 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Admission $6. Proceeds go United Jewish Appeal Community March for Israel. For information, **Yael**, BBYO office, 635-9411.

Sunday, May 7

LIBERATION AND HOPE

The 15th annual Christian service in memory of the Holocaust entitled Liberation and Hope: 50 Years Later, with speaker **Mary Jo Reddy**, professor of theology at Regis College and director of Romero House, takes place 4 p.m., Bloor Street United Church, 300 Bloor St. W. Sponsored by Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto.

HABONIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Habonim Breakfast Club invites you to hear **Michael Kigel**, University of Jerusalem and University of Freiburg (Germany), speak on The Book of Job: The Extreme Limit of Human Suffering, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn). Breakfast and lecture $6.

ANCIENT MYSTERIES

Rabbi Mordechai Becher, senior lecturer for Ohr Somayach Thornhill, speaks on Unearthing Ancient Mysteries of the Bible, 8:30 p.m., 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Admission $5. 905-886-5730.

IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS

Entertainment and Cultural Connection and Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood present immigration lawyers **Karin Eisen** and **Hart Kaminker** speaking on Immigration Problems: Public Concern Versus Individual Rights, 8 p.m., synagogue. Everyone welcome. Members free, guests $2. **Jerry and Sandra Genesove**, coordinators.

YIDDISH LITERATURE

Secular Jewish Association is sponsoring a lecture on Yiddish Literature: Modern, Secular, Political by **Gerry Kane**, chair, Committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, 10 a.m., 131 Fenn Ave. Non-members $5. 463-8908.

BAIS YAAKOV ANNIVERSARY

Bais Yaakov Elementary School's 26th anniversary dinner honoring the founding board is 6 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. For journal ads and/or dinner reservations, 783-6181 or 783-6446.

SHEILA FINESTONE TO SPEAK

Sheila Finestone, Secretary of State (Multiculturalism), speaks on the Status of Women at the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood Breakfast Club, 9:30 a.m.

CHARITY FUN AUCTION

Enjoy the fun at the Golan Group 27th annual Charity Fun Auction and Bazaar for Ben Yehuda School for handicapped children in Jerusalem, noon to 5 p.m., Thornhill Community Centre.

AN EVENING OF LEARNING

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue invites all university-aged students to an informal evening of learning when **Prof. Martin Lockshin**, Department of Jewish Studies, York University, leads a discussion on Ethics — Is the Jewish Way a Better Way?, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue. No charge. Call 398-8028 for information.

ISRAELI AND JEWISH ART

The Israeli Artists Group of Toronto will exhibit for Yom Ha'atzmaut Festival '47, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., North York City Hall, lower level. Various mediums of art on Israeli and Jewish subjects will be available for purchase.

GIANT BAZAAR

You'll find bargains galore on new and nearly new merchandise at Shaar Shalom Sisterhood's annual giant bazaar, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the synagogue. Free admission.

BBW POTLUCK BRUNCH

Are you part of the 20-something generation? Then B'nai Brith Women's Kochavim chapter is for you. Find out all about it at the potluck brunch at noon. For details, call BBW office 630-9313.

JEWISH STORYTELLING

The monthly gathering of Jewish Storytelling for adults is 7:30 p.m. at Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. (Bathurst-Glencairn). Call 440-1330.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Netivot Hatorah Day School is holding a community garage sale 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 18 Atkinson Ave., Thornhill (rain or shine).

SPRING INTO BAZAAR

Clean out your closets and bring your "better" men's, women's and children's clothing to any of the Toronto Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar depot locations 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (everything must be on hangers). Locations: 709 Briar Hill Ave., 28 Glenayr Rd., or 3 Tullmore Dr., 21 Rosemount Ave., and 124 Worth Blvd. in Thornhill. 630-8373.

Monday, May 8

CHANGING BORDERS OF ISRAEL

At Beth Tikvah Synagogue, the Frances Bitterman Memorial Trust Fund presents **Prof. David Newman**, director, Humphrey Centre, Ben-Gurion University Israeli-Palestinian Project, speaking on The Changing Borders of Israel, 8 p.m., synagogue.

CAFIP PROGRAM

Canadian Association for Israel Philately (CAFIP) features **Ken Caplan** in a program about a letter by a Russian soldier in the csar's army in the early 20th century, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Stanley Davis**, 223-6373 after 6 p.m. or **Joseph Berkovits** 635-1749.

PLAYING CHESS WITH DEATH

Rev. Kevin Flynn and **Rabbi Steven Saltzman**, talk about death and the meaning of life in Adath Israel Synagogue's two-part series, Playing Chess with Death, 8 p.m.

GIANT RUMMAGE SALE

The giant rummage sale at Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres., offers tremendous bargains 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9

JEWISH FILM FESTIVAL

Toronto Jewish Film festival marks the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps with a free screening of the award-winning documentary *Hidden Children*, followed by a discussion with psychotherapist/author **Dr. Andre Stein**, one of the six hidden children featured in the film, 5:30 p.m., Bloor Street Cinema, 506 Bloor St. W. 324-8226.

WOMEN'S AWARD

Linda Silver Dranoff, writer, activist and family law lawyer is one of the seven recipients of the YWCA of Metropolitan Toronto 1995 Women of Distinction Awards to be presented at the annual Awards dinner Wednesday, May 10, at the Westin Harbour Castle Convention Centre. Her award, in the Professions category, is in recognition of her interest in women's, legal and community issues.

SHIDDUCH ISSUES

Reshet, the Toronto Women's Network, in conjunction with Shmiras Halashon Organization, presents a lecture for women by **Rabbi M.M. Lowy**, Halachos of Shmira Halochon as they pertain to shidduch issues, followed by an informative presentation, 8 p.m., Agudath Israel, 129 McGillivray St. 667-0634.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood presents Current Affairs with **Erika Biro**, 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood members $8, guests $10. RSVP to shul office 781-3511. Everyone welcome.

PASTA PASTA

The Kosher Cooking School of the Kashruth Council of Toronto features Pasta Pasta, 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Fee $15. To register, 635-9550.

Wednesday, May 10

BETH TZEDEC SERIES

At 7:15 p.m. **Dr. Yaacov Glickman** speaks on Ethnicity and Religiosity — Soviet Immigrants; **Prof. David Newman** focuses on Settlements; **Maxine Blendis** speaks on Moses and the Ten Commandments; and **Prof. Neil McMullen** and **Dr. Liyakatali** speak on Religions of East and West: Buddism and Islam.

ISRAELI FILMS

As part of the Toronto Film Festival, New Israel Fund of Canada presents two Israeli films, *Yaacov Ben Dov* and *Atalena* at 7:15 p.m., followed by dessert reception at Bloor Jewish Community Centre with featured speaker **Ilana Tsur**, director of *Atalena*. Tickets $50 ($36 tax receipt). Bonus free ticket to Monday night's *The Flying Camel*. **Marsha Slivka** 515-0507.

ANGER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Jewish Family & Child Service workshop for men who have trouble managing anger, 7 p.m. Registration/information **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

WOMEN & SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Women and Substance Abuse: Confronting the Truth — A Forum on Awareness and Prevention is the Jewish Women's Federa-

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What's New

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tion Social and Political Action program, 7:30 p.m., Adath Israel Congregation. Speakers are **Dr. Bonnie Madonik, Freda Muscovitch** and social worker **Rochelle Thompson**. RSVP 635-2883, ext. 135.

POMEGRANATE GUILD

Pomegranate Guild of Jewish Textiles meeting deals with Quilting for Busy People with lecture/demonstration by **Janet Hosack**, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple.

JEWISH HUMOR

Exploration of Jewish Humor: Writing, Talking and Laughing — Without Picking on Mom Too Much is the topic **Allan Gould** disusses 8 p.m., Pride of Israel Synagogue. Members $3, non-members $5 at door. 226-0111.

BOOK REVIEW

Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood has scheduled a book review of *My Jerusalem* by author/reviewer **Bronwyn Drainie** 8 p.m. Temple members $5, non-members $10. RSVP **Olivia**, temple office 789-3291.

Thursday, May 11

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Toronto ORT marks ORT Month with an evening of cooking with **Rose Reisman**, 7 p.m., Primrose Club, 273 St. Clair Ave. W. Vendors galore, door prizes. Admission free with RSVP or $5 at door.787-0297.

POLISH-JEWISH WRITER

Polish-Jewish writer **Hannah Krall** will read from her new book about children of Holocaust survivors, with English translation read by **Sandi Rinaldo** of CTV, herself a child of survivors, 8 p.m. Holy Blossom Temple. In addition to the temple, the event is sponsored by Polish-Jewish Heritage Fund and Polish Consulate in Toronto. Members $7, non-members $10.

And What Else Is New...

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Beth Tzedec Sisterhood Membership Day tribute dinner, Tuesday, May 16, honors **Deenie Reiken** as Sisterhood Woman of the Year and features the Harry Harris Jewish Hour. Reception 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7. Sisterhood members free, non-sisterhood members and guests $25. RSVP by May 9 to shul office, 781-3511.

CANADIAN YOUNG JUDAEA

Canadian Young Judaea's spring get-together for ages 13-16 at Caledon Hills Leisure Village (Camp Reena, 45 minutes from Toronto) May 19-21. Program includes sports, a trip to Canada's Wonderland for a day and much more! 781-5156.

COUNTER-MISSIONARY SEMINAR

Jews for Judaism once again offers a counter-missionary survival seminar eight consecutive Wednesdays, 8 p.m., beginning May 10, Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St. Cost $49 for seminar series, half price for students. To register, 789-2851.

ART AUCTION

Temple Sinai Brotherhood's benefit Art Auction is Saturday, May 13, with wine and cheese preview at 7:30 p.m., auction 8:30. Honorary co-chairs are **Paul and Gina Godfey**. Special door prize — weekend for two at Toronto's Hotel Intercontinental. Tickets per person $10 in advance, $12 at door. For information 487-4161.

GENERATION TO GENERATION

Generation to Generation, under the auspices of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, is looking for Jewish people who were saved by Italian soldiers and Italian government in the Italian territories — Nice, Greece and parts of Yugoslavia, to participate in a panel program June 11. Call **Miriam** 905-737-1292, or **Hindy** 905-731-7043.

SOLEL — MISSISSAUGA

May events at Solel, Mississauga — Friday, May 5, Shabbat dinner for Kitah Aleph and families, followed by service at 8 p.m. led by the class; Thursday, May 18, Sisterhood pot luck lunch and film *Half the Kingdom* (for information, **Marcy Brinsky**); regular services Saturday, May 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 10 a.m. and Friday May 19 at 8:30 p.m.; family services Friday, May 12 and 26 at 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday morning minyans at 7 a.m. 905-820-5915.

SHABBAT STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Shabbat Study Luncheon, Saturday, May 13, at noon, following services, features **Rabbi Eliezir Diamond**, professor, Talmudic and Rabbinic Studies, Jewish Theological Seminary, speaking on Family Life, Human Issues and the Talmud. Reserve no later than Tuesday, May 9, by calling synagogue office, 781-3511.

HADASSAH-WIZO NEW CHAPTERS

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO has two new chapters — Shemesh chapter for young single women in their 20s and another chapter for married women in their 20s and early 30s. Call Hadassah-WIZO, 630-8373.

MEDINA THEATRE AUDITIONS

Medina Theatre Ensemble of Bloor JCC is holding auditions Sunday, May 7 for members and Monday, May 8, for non-members for a concert reading of *Time of Your Life*, a new Canadian play by **Fran Elliot** and **Roselle Stone**, directed by **Sylvia Lennick**. Call 633-2057.

BAYCREST CHALLENGE

Attention runners, walkers, kids and dog owners! The annual Baycrest Challenge on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, begins 9 a.m. at Baycrest Centre, with events for everyone including a carnival for kids and Tiny Tot Trot. Register for the 5-km or 10-km runs, or the 5-km walk, or enter your dog in the Dogathon. Money raised supports research into brain disorders in the elderly at Baycrest's Rotman Research Institute. For information and your registration form and pledge card, 256-2RUN.

DOWNTOWN REFORM MINYAN

Downtown Reform Minyan, a group of individuals and families offering weekly participatory Shabbat services and special holiday programs, invites you to join in informal, egalitarian services and workshops held at Bloor Jewish Community Centre. A kiddush follows each service. May schedule — Saturday, May 6, 10 a.m.; Friday, May 12, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, May 20, 10 a.m.; Friday, May 26, 7:15 p.m. 905-844-4185.

YIDDISH CLASSES

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JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — Successful Step-parenting (begins May 4 for six weeks); Single Parent Challenges (begins May 9); Looking Ahead (communication, independence, realistic expectations, begins May 11). For fees and registration, **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

for seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club — a new weekly discussion course, a current media event, Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m., through June 26; Mother's Day luncheon, Monday, May 15, 12:30 p.m.; trip to Buffalo June 13; Art Park July 19 (*The Most Happy Fellow*) and August 8 (*Singing in the Rain*); Stratford Sept. 27 (*The Boyfriend*) and Oct. 25 (*The Gondoliers*). For information on trips and programs, **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Also, Saturday, May 6, 8:30 p.m., there's an Israel Independence Day party with live music and songs by Israeli singer **Dalia Dahari**, Israeli snacks with wine and dessert, members $8, non-members $10. 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — group discussion starts Thursday, May 4; movie, *Showboat*, Wednesday, May 10, 2 p.m.; Saturday dances 7-10 p.m. weekly; local day trips May 9 and 10, June 13, 21 and 29; Catskills trip July 24-30; activities in full swing. 395-7881.

Funtime 55 Plus — Thursday, May 11, blossom tour, musical show, full course meal; Sunday, July 9, two days to try your luck at Windsor. **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

A Time for Me, a personal grwoth workshop for seniors over 55, co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, Senior Care, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Baycrest Centre, with support from Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, begins May 9 for eight weeks. **Ann Gleberzon**, 635-2883, ext. 800.

LZA Seniors Club — Mother's Day luncheon meeting Wednesday, May 10, 11:30 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre. Registration for trips — Pines Hotel in Catskills, July 27-August 6, Stage West Theatre to see *Harvey* June 21; Stratford Sept. 6 for *The Gondoliers*; Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m.; Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Taking Control of Taking Care (co-sponsored with Lifelong Learning Institute) with **Henry Wall** and **Sharon Chavir**, Monday, May 8, 1:30 p.m. Also, Tel-Aide Distress Line with nurse **Bonnie Kates**, a founder of Tel-Aide, Thursday, May 11, 1:30 p.m. **Sandra**, 225-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, May 7, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Etrog, Israeli cultural club, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m.

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Friends of Jay Canada and the Jewish Russian Community Centre presented a painting to Honey and Barry Sherman in honor of their funding of the recent mass blood-screening clinic. From left are Jerome Stanleigh, Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, Honey Sherman, Barry Sherman.

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Wrestling fan turns 100

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — On April 9, Fanny Rosenberg, one of Winnipeg's biggest wrestling fans, celebrated her 100th birthday at the Sharon Home, surrounded by family and friends.

The centenarian moved into the Jewish nursing home just two years ago, after falling in her apartment and breaking her hip.

Fanny Rosenberg cuts her birthday cake while her great grandchildren look on.

Larry Leonoff, one of Rosenberg's five grandchildren, acted as master of ceremonies for the afternoon and spoke for the family, including her 10 great-grandchildren.

Leonoff recalled his grandmother's sandwiches — and her ceramics and pottery. He noted that she was an original member of the Golden Age Club and a longtime member of the General Monash Ladies Auxiliary (which also gave her a birthday party the Sunday before).

He explained that she is also known as Fanny Ross because she worked at the Winnipeg Winter Club at a time when no Jews were allowed in. Originally from Manchester, England, Rosenberg has a strong British accent. By changing her name to one that sounded English, she was able to get a job there in the kitchen.

Leonoff also spoke of his bubbie's love of wrestling. He remembered going to a match with her when he was 10. "She always carried a hat pin with her for possible use," he recalled. "All that jumping up and getting excited have kept her young."

Rosenberg came to Winnipeg with her family when she was 14. When out walking one day, she saw a crowd watching a wrestling match and joined in. She has been going monthly ever since.

For her 75th birthday, she was given a lifetime free seat at ringside by the World Wrestling Federation, whose members sent her a fruit basket when she was hospitalized for three months recovering from her broken hip.

At 100, her eyesight and hearing are failing somewhat, but mentally Fanny Rosenberg is still sharp as a tack.

Singles Events

Singles events is an advertising feature of *The Canadian Jewish News*. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates, or to place an ad, please call Sharon at 422-2528.

The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they may have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

A Grand Reunion Party! Single Parents Group at the Valley Tennis Club (Leslie & Steeles) **Saturday, May 6, 8:30 p.m., DJ. Mickey Kay, $10.00. All singles 35+ welcome. Dancing... Fun... Schmooze. 665-8388 for information.**

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Evan - Zane Productions presents "Emotionally Expensive" featuring Charlie Kert and David Sniderman, **May 7, 1995, 8:00 p.m., The Devil's Martini,** 136 Simcoe Street, $7 at the door, drinks $2.50 until 9:30 p.m. Pool/Patio/big-screen TV. For more info call 416-488-3757

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New Image 50 Plus Singles is having a mix and mingle, Sunday, May 7, at **Earl Bales Community Centre at 7:30 p.m.** Tapes by Murray Jacobs, refreshments. Members $2, guests $3. Members' dinner, Sunday, June 11, $10 now due. Catskill trip, Sunday, July 30, to Monday, August 7 (nine days, eight nights).

Toronto Hadassah Wizo's RE'UT Chapter presents the second annual Spring Fever party at Fluid Lounge, 217 Richmond Street West on Thursday, May 11, at 8 p.m., $10 in advance, $15 at the door. All proceeds to Youth Aliyah. **For more information, 630-8373.**

Omission

Our story, "Jewish Journal hopes to make TV debut" (April 20) failed to mention that from 1986-93 the airwaves did contain a Jewish television program in Toronto. *Tapestry* and *The Zelda Young Show* appeared during that time on CITY TV.

In addition, the *Journal*'s pilot episode was hosted by Allan Gould.

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Shul seder reaches out to those with AIDS, HIV

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Each drop of wine we pour is hope and prayer that people will cast out the plagues that threaten everyone, everywhere they are found, beginning in our own hearts. (New Union Haggadah)

TORONTO — Over 300 people either affected or infected by HIV and AIDS gathered at Holy Blossom Temple during Passover week to celebrate the holiday at a third seder.

The fifth annual seder, which originated in 1991 with 55 people at the 519 Church St. Community Centre, is sponsored by the Holy Blossom Temple AIDS committee and the temple's brotherhood and sisterhood.

Kael Shriar, who co-chairs the AIDS committee with Marci Rose, told the crowd that he was pleased that people living with AIDS could share the seder with so many of their family, friends and caregivers.

"For me, Passover would have little meaning without this seder. Jewish tradition has it that we recount our history. We are here to remind everyone that HIV and AIDS has not faded away — people are still living with the virus. In connecting the Passover story to HIV and AIDS we hope that we do not have to go through a 40-year struggle and find that there are no survivors."

Several seder participants agreed that until they take part in this seder "Passover has not happened."

Drs. Donna and Jay Keystone led the reading of the specially-written Passover Haggadah.

"Tonight we sit at this Passover seder as a family. We are the mothers, fathers, sons, daughters and friends of different peoples, races and religions. We, the descendants of Abraham and Sarah, seek to find again the purest spirit of our heritage. Each year, the celebration of Passover demands that we become aware of injustice and oppression wherever it may exist," Jay Keystone read.

Before the traditional Passover meal provided free to everyone with a request only for donations, the seder included the audience in responsive four questions.

Why is this night different from all other nights? Because we are all here together as an affirmation of our faith and hope, despite the many differences that often keep us apart. On all other nights we may eat either leavened bread but on this night why only unleavened bread? Because tonight we remember the strains imposed upon those afflicted with AIDS, the strains that may prevent them from doing things in their own time. . . .

When the children had found the afikoman and Cantor Benjamin Maissner had led the blessings after the meal, the Keystones concluded with the hope that "next year we'll sit on the porch and count migrating birds. Children on vacation will play tag between the house and the fields. You will yet see, you will yet see how good it will be next year."

Holy Blossom, currently the only synagogue in Toronto to have formed a specifically Jewish response to HIV/AIDS, acknowledged the many corporate contributions, as well as Temple Emanu-El, Temple Har Zion, Temple Kol Ami, Temple Sinai and "our many friends in the community at large."

Gymnast captures second place

TORONTO — Toronto gymnast Justin Gerson finished second overall in the junior competition at the recently completed Ontario Elite provincial championships in Ottawa.

Gerson snagged the prestigious silver medal based on his performance in five disciplines. He finished first in rings, third in high-bar, fourth in pommel horse, sixth in floor exercises and eighth in parallel bars.

Gerson, who was part of Ontario's gold medal team at this year's Canada Winter Games, will compete in the national championships in Vancouver, which begin on May 24.

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New Reena facility gets underway

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN — Ground was broken here April 23 for the Reena Foundation's long-awaited Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre, touted as the first facility of its kind in North America.

Slated to open next year, the $6.2 million centre will offer daytime social and recreational activities for some 200 developmentally handicapped adults.

The 45,000-square-foot facility will feature a gymnasium, creative arts, audio-visual and computer workshops, a library, greenhouse and dining room, as well as activities tailored to individual skills and interests. Plans also call for a "wellness centre" to provide access to professional support, therapy and counselling.

The centre, to be located on Clark Avenue just west of Bathurst Street, next door to the planned Aish HaTorah campus, will be open to everyone. All programs will be run in a Jewish environment. Organizers say it will provide much-needed relief for caregivers seeking day programs.

Activities will be available five days a week, as well as evenings and weekends.

The centre will be Reena's first foray beyond the boundaries of Metro Toronto, those attending the groundbreaking were told.

More than 2,500 adults with developmental handicaps in the greater Metro area and York Region are on waiting lists for day services, and Reena alone has a waiting list of 200, said Reena chair Robert Berkovitz.

On hand for the sod turning were Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson; all members of Vaughan's council; York North Liberal MP Maurizio Bevilacqua; and members of the Battle family. Also present was a planner from the Israeli city of Ramlah, which twinned with Vaughan two years ago.

Greetings were also brought by Rabbi Baruch Taub of the nearby Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation and from Rabbi Joseph Kelman, who helped found Reena over 20 years ago.

The centre will exist thanks to a bequest from the late Toby and Henry Battle, whose daughters Miriam and Sarah were developmentally handicapped.

At the Battle Centre sod turning were (from left) Reena chair Robert Berkovitz; Battle advisory board co-chair Susan Rober; Reena director Sandy Kesheu; Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson, Reena Foundation chair Ron Hoffman; Battle family member David Segar; capital campaign chair Tom Ungar; and Reena clients Edna Marcus and Helen Handler. [Stephen Epstein photo]

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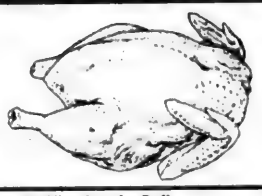

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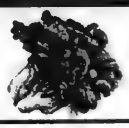

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Israelis get help with family planning

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's not uncommon for SHILO, the only comprehensive family planning organization in Jerusalem, to step in where too many Israeli doctors leave off.

"It drives me crazy," said Joanne Zack-Pakes, director of SHILO.

The 44-year-old Vancouver-born social worker was in Canada recently to attend a conference on adolescent health in Vancouver and meet with local supporters there and in Toronto. She described a typical Israeli scenario during a Toronto interview: "The doctor feels he's done a great job by getting [a teenage girl] on the pill; meanwhile the prescription's in the wastebasket. She doesn't want her mother or little brother to find the pills. He hasn't counselled her."

SHILO, a non-profit organization established in 1976, recently won an award of merit from Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert's office for outstanding volunteer work.

The organization is best known in Israel for serving adolescents. Some of its clients are as young as 13, but the door is open to people of all ages and backgrounds.

SHILO serves about 1,000 clients every year and reaches another 3,500 people through its educational programs.

Joanne Zack-Pakes

Zack-Pakes, who moved to Israel in 1969, has been with the organization since she joined as a volunteer in 1980, a year before completing her degree in Social Work at Bar-Ilan University.

SHILO's annual budget of $150,000 (U.S.) funds a small core of paid staff and a variety of projects, including training of professionals.

Resources are stretched to the extent that Zack-Pakes has on occasion gone without pay, she said. Budget sources include private donations, the New Israel Fund, the Jerusalem Foundation, and the Jewish Agency, which funded an outreach project for Soviet olim for three years.

The outreach project, which began in 1991, was designed to educate olim on alternatives to abortion, "the main family planning method" in the former Soviet Union. SHILO has four Russian-speaking counsellors.

Under Israeli law, abortion is legal for women under 17 or over age 40, for women who become pregnant outside of marriage, if a fetus fails to develop normally, or if a married woman has physical or mental health reasons. Abortions must be approved by a hospital committee.

While the law is "quite liberal," Israel is still a very "pro-natal society," noted Zack-Pakes. Aside from the distribution of right-to-life pamphlets and having its modest sign removed on occasion, SHILO coexists peacefully with its neighbors, she said.

"We don't get flak from the Orthodox. Abortion is legal [in Israel], and it's all according to Halachah."

In fact, one of the gynecologists who volunteers at SHILO is a kippah-wearing Orthodox male who is "the best," said Zack-Pakes.

Sensitivity to cultural differences is important at SHILO. While Israelis generally are comfortable talking openly about sexuality with a counsellor, Russian olim haven't been. Young Russian women, however, are more likely to confide in their mothers about their sexual relationships, Zack-Pakes has found.

For that reason, counselling in the Russian community has focused on information-giving, and young clients are asked about their home environment.

SHILO's newest outreach project is aimed at young married women living in low-income areas, some of whom are survivors of domestic abuse. For this effort, the organization has teamed up with WIZO and with a shelter for battered women. The project will focus on education about reproductive health, including issues such as how to be assertive with a gynecologist.

The project has private funding to carry it through the summer only, and a funding application has been made to the government. "I can't not do it, because I know the need is there," said Zack-Pakes.

Community awards

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Two prominent, active community leaders will be the first recipients of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's (WJCC) newest awards.

Marjorie Blankstein and David Kaufman will be presented respectively with the Sol Kanee Distinguished Community Service Medal and the Max Shore Memorial Award during the WJCC's annual general meeting on May 16 at the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue. The Keynote speaker will be Charles Bronfman.

The Max Shore Memorial Award recognizes longstanding leadership and dedication to the Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA). Kaufman, the last president of the old Jewish Welfare Fund in 1971, was instrumental in the formation of its successor, the WJCC, in 1972.

The Sol Kanee Award recognizes outstanding leadership and dedication to the Jewish community and there is no one in Winnipeg who can match the range of involvement of Marjorie Blankstein.

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March of Living provides inspiration for photo exhibit

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Visitors were overcome with emotion during visit to Auschwitz.

TORONTO — Part way through last year's March of the Living, photographer Nir Bareket was overcome by a flood of emotions during a memorial service at Majdanek.

There he was, attempting to photograph a group of young people huddled together on open ground facing a mound consisting of human ash mixed with sand. They were sobbing uncontrollably and Bareket too was overcome by the knowledge that before them were the last remains of hundreds of Jewish victims of the Holocaust.

"I was just sobbing," Bareket recalled. "I had to remind myself I was there to document it."

Bareket snapped the picture and the result is one of the more powerful and moving images now on display in the Loggia Gallery in the Koffler Centre of the Arts, 4588 Bathurst St.

Titled simply A photographic narrative of the March of the Living 1994, Bareket's exhibit includes 46 black and white images selected from the more than 1,500 he shot in last year's mission to Poland and Israel. The photos are accompanied by written excerpts from the journals kept by the student marchers.

Together they form a powerful record of the intense emotions generated by the visit to Auschwitz, Majdanek, Treblinka, the Plaszow concentration camp and Warsaw.

The exhibit concludes with four cheerier photos shot in Israel.

Employing the stark grittiness of black and white and infrared film, Bareket records the remaining on-site evidence of the Nazi program of genocide and the young people's reaction to it. In one, a young woman sits in a barn-like barrack, contemplating a massive, haphazard collection of shoes the Nazis stripped from their Jewish victims.

Innocent victims

In another, a group is seen walking through a bleak, cement-walled room. Above them are rows of shower heads.

In Majdanek, clouds and a dark sky frame a row of wood barracks that once housed innocent victims of the Nazis. The display includes a picture taken inside the gas chamber at the Nazi death camp.

Bareket said the idea to document the March of the Living had been brewing in his mind for two years. "My intention was to see the interaction of the young people to the sites, the concentration camps. This is the last generation who are directly connected to the people who were in the camps, their grandparents. That's why it is important to document it."

Much of Bareket's extended family were killed in the Holocaust. His father, however, left Poland in 1919 and Bareket was born in Israel.

While he had been harboring the desire to document the March for some time, the visit to the Polish sites only served to reinforce the lessons of the Holocaust.

"There in the camps it became clear to me that it was something I didn't want to forget. We should commemorate it and always remember it so it cannot happen again. Unfortunately, the human race doesn't remember well enough when I see what is happening in Rwanda and Yugoslavia."

Bareket said after the exhibit concludes its run at the Koffler Gallery (April 30 to June 9) he hopes to take it across Canada to both Jewish and non-Jewish venues.

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From coast to coast

Canadian Jews to extend greetings to Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Jewish community in four Canadian cities — Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto and Montreal — will be among many worldwide that will extend televised greetings to Israel on the 47th anniversary of its statehood this week.

On Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's public television station (Channel 1) will have 24 hours of special broadcasting. Programming for the day typically includes Israeli music, an interview with the prime minister, Israeli movies and reminiscences about Israel's War of Independence, said Herzl Makov, Montreal-based World Zionist representative to Canada.

This year, for the first time, the Jewish Agency put out a call to its shlichim around the world asking for brief videotaped greetings to be broadcast at intervals throughout the day. Makov coordinated the project for Canada and arranged the local video in Montreal.

In Toronto, Tami Savion of the Israel Youth Program Centre arranged greetings from young and old.

The Chai Dancers, an Israeli dance group which meets twice weekly at the Bathurst Jewish Centre under the direction of Temi Kernerman, consists of about 15 energetic women in their 60s, 70s and 80s. Their spokesperson Vi Wolf extends wishes for peace and happiness after a spirited performance to *Sisu Et Yerushalayim.*

Girls and boys from Toronto's Bialik Hebrew Day School, under the direction of choreographer Rivka Atzmony and musical director Doron Ophir, also perform. The Bialik School Chorus sings *Shalom Al Yisrael*, punctuated by greetings such as Yom Hooledet Sameach, Medinat Yisrael (Happy Birthday, Israel), and the dancers, in Israeli costumes, dance a horah.

The Hebrew Academy School represents Montreal with a multi-age choir singing *Kachol v'Lavan* (Blue and White).

Vancouver's Maimonides High School offers greetings in both Hebrew and English. From Edmonton, grades 7 and 8 boys at Menorah Academy and Grade 6 students at Talmud Torah extend greetings in Hebrew.

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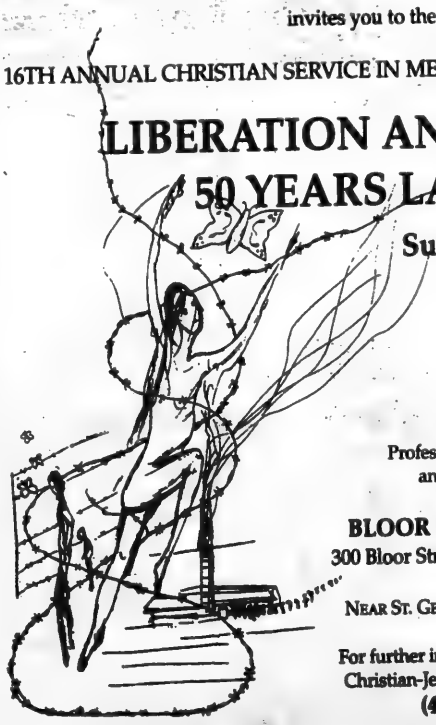

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By GERRY MORRIS
Special to The CJN

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This season Tanglewood Festival Chorus celebrates its 25th anniversary with two major works; Berlioz's *Requiem* and Mahler's *Symphony No. 2 (Resurrection)* to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.

The new $10-million 1,200-seat Seiji Ozawa Chamber Concert Hall will feature such artists as the Beaux Arts Trio (celebrating their 40th anniversary at Tanglewood); The Boston Camerata; The Emerson String Quartet; and the King's Singers.

The annual Jazz Festival will take place Labor Day weekend and will include Shirley Horn, Diane Schuur and Tony Bennett.

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Shtetl photograph taken in Zhlobin circa 1900 shows the author's great-great-grandfather, Benjamin Rubinoff (lower left), an ancestor to hundreds of Jews across Canada.

Travel Odysseys of Post-Soviet Jews: My Naftolin, Rubinoff and Arnoff great-grandparents left their shtetl of Zhlobin, Belarus, for Canada between 1905 and 1908, and kept in touch with family members left behind until the World War II era. Incredibly, a Toronto cousin found some surviving relatives in Russia in the late 1970s, and I began to correspond with them in 1988. Thus, I learned firsthand of the many difficult choices that politics has forced upon the Jews of the former Soviet Empire.

My Russian cousin, Bella Ginsbourg, knew the unknown faces in the old family photographs I sent her, and the unknown fate of our ancestral shtetl. "All Jews were executed in Zhlobin on April 12, 1942, on the first day of Pesach," she reported. "They were buried in a mass grave and now there is a monument there." Her own parents had survived because her grandparents had left Zhlobin for Leningrad just after the revolution "in order to give the children a proper education." Before the German siege of Leningrad, they moved to Novo Sibersk, Siberia.

Ginsbourg wrote that circumstances were forcing her and and her husband to leave the country, along with many of their Jewish friends. In their early 60s, with only a few years standing between them and their retirement pensions, they felt too old to start a new life elsewhere — but what choice did they have? Their son and his family were living in a transit camp in Italy; perhaps they would go to Israel, perhaps Germany to be near their son.

Upon investigation, the Ginsbourgs found immigration to Canada was not a feasible option for them. However, members of our Canadian mishpoche set up a fund to help them financially.

Upon visiting Israel, the Ginsbourgs were repeatedly advised against making aliyah because of the difficulties in finding jobs and affordable housing. So they chose Germany. Their next letter, postmarked from Dillenburg in the German Republic, was an unhappy one. Although officials had assured them there was a Jewish community in a nearby town, upon arrival they found that no Jews lived in either city. They spent the first night in a bad hotel and in the morning contacted the closest Jewish community, which offered no assistance.

"We found it very hard to get an apartment, since no one wanted to rent to us. We found that everything we heard in Russia about how Germans want to take in Russian emigrants was wrong. Nobody needs us here." Living on social assistance, they found even a visit to their children and grandchildren beyond their means.

After eight miserable months, they emigrated to Israel. Their next letter was postmarked from Bat Yam, the Tel Aviv suburb where they had settled into an apartment. Life was a bit easier but still no bed of roses, they wrote; somewhat stoically, they didn't elaborate on their complaints. In their last letter more than a year ago, they expressed the opinion that the political uncertainty in their Soviet homeland had robbed them of the tranquillity they had hoped for in their remaining years.

Isaac Rutman, a previously unknown cousin in Kiev, wrote to me three years ago after hearing about his Canadian relatives from the Ginsbourgs. Rutman sent an extensive family chart showing which relatives had survived the Holocaust and indicating branches in Dniepepretrovsk, Riga and Moldova. He also described two aunts who went to America before the war. Using information supplied from both Kiev and Toronto, I tracked down his first cousin in Brooklyn and sent him the address. In a subsequent letter, Rutman reported that his wife had developed cancer, probably in reaction to the Chernobyl disaster.

In his last letter about six months ago, Rutman related that things in Ukraine were going from bad to worse, economically and otherwise, and that he was going to Germany. All I could do was wish him luck. Canadian Jews have been infinitely more fortunate than our ex- Soviet counterparts. It's easy to offer advice, easy to judge — and easy to forget that, but for the grace of God, we might now be in their tired and travel-worn shoes.

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Beth Tzedec art exhibition examines the Holocaust

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In commemoration of Yom Hashoah, the Beth Tzedec Synagogue's Reuben and Helene Dennis Museum is presenting a contemporary art exhibit on the theme of the Holocaust by artist and printmaker, Sharon Merkur.

The exhibit, Borrowed Memories, is an expression of the artist's feelings about the Holocaust. The work is distinguished by Merkur's innate sense of design and color.

"The mixed media works of Borrowed Memories, while expressed in unusually bright colors, arouse an unsettling, emotional response," says Dorion Liebgott, the museum's curator. "They touch on the dissonance between the horrors of the Holocaust, and the beauty of the natural world — a graphic reflection of the banality of evil."

The works leave the viewer to discover the artist's understated message. "The horrors of the Holocaust have rarely been interpreted in such a skillfully subtle and evocative manner," explains Liebgott.

Merkur graduated from the Ontario College of Art and studied Fine Arts at York University. Her works can be found in collections across Canada, the United States, Israel and Germany.

Merkur feels strongly about her family's Polish roots. Her parents and grandparents emigrated from Poland in the 1920s. She says, "Perhaps it was inevitable that the Holocaust would resonate in me. There, but for the grace of God go I."

She says she had considered doing some works related to the Holocaust, "but I was held back by fear of hubris, chutzpa, that I, who grew up in a comfortable loving environment, with a family of parents, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins all safe in Canada, could or would say anything."

Travelling frequently to Israel to visit her daughter, son-in-law and four grandchildren, Merkur visits Yad Vashem, the Museum of the Holocaust.

On her last visit, in the gallery's children's art section, a biographical note caught her attention, "born February 1932" — the same as Merkur's birthday — but that child had been murdered at the age of 12.

"As I exited into the brilliant sunlight that sizzled in the intense Mediterranean sky, the dissonance between the horrors of the Holocaust and the splendor of the season reminded me that the sun shone on murderers, and stars twinkled above smoke stacks. This simplistic juxtaposing of beauty and malevolence stirred a deeply felt emotion."

She said the survivors, the true witnesses, are aging and dying. "I realized that if I let my feelings of inadequacy prevent me from addressing the various issues involved, then to paraphrase — if not me, who, and if now now, when? I had reconciled my pursuit of Borrowed Memories."

Artist Sharon Merkur is seen at Beth Tzedec exhibit.

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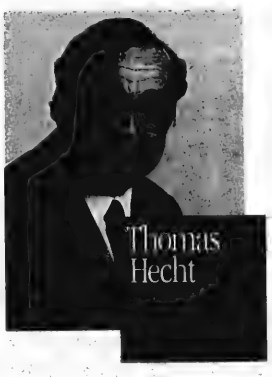

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VE-Day & Yom Ha'atzmaut

WWII marked turning point

Canadian society was shaken to its roots

By IRVING ABELLA

For Canadian Jews, World War II was a watershed.

On one side stood a Canada that was insular, xenophobic and nativist; a Canada permeated with anti-Semitism and racism; a Canada that stood in the forefront of the countries of the world refusing to rescue Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany and apparently proud of it.

On the other side stood a more familiar Canada — at least to us today — a Canada whose watchwords are decency and tolerance, whose goals are equality and fairness; a Canada that has opened itself up to the rest of the world; a Canada which celebrates differences and tries, often clumsily, but nevertheless with determination, to accommodate as many diversities as possible.

But of course Canadian Jews 50 years ago knew only of one Canada — a Canada that had imposed on them quotas and restrictions, limited their access to universities and professional schools, closed to them many of its resorts and beaches, and prevented an entire generation of young Jews from playing their role in Canadian society.

But these Jews also knew that Canada was their country, that it had provided them, though not many of their relatives stranded in Europe, with a home. Uncomfortable as their home was, it was still far better than the one they had left behind in the old country.

Thus, in inordinate numbers, when Canada marched off to war in 1939, so did its young Jews. No community contributed as high a percentage of its members to the Canadian Armed Forces as did the Jewish community. And no soldiers fought more bravely and with more conviction for the defence of Canada.

The Jews of the time took great pride in the achievements and heroism of their military heroes: Flight Lieut. Sydney Shulemson of Montreal, winner of the Distinguished Flying Cross; Maj. Ben Dunkelman of Toronto; Wing Cmdr. Max Smith of Winnipeg; Col. Mervyn Mirsky of Ottawa; and the 17,000 others who enlisted.

And while their boys were overseas, Jewish women played their roles. For the first time, many joined the paid work force to fill the void left by those serving in the armed forces. Many women had been forced to slave in sweat shops in the garment industry. Now with labor at a premium, most restrictions were lifted; women could work almost anywhere. Jewish women could now become nurses; they could work in the munitions industry, for the government and in banks; and they could finally stand behind a counter at Eatons. And many did.

Canadian Jewish Legion parade in Montreal 1945. [CJC National Archives photo]

Throughout the country, Jewish organizations mobilized in support of the war, large amounts of money were raised, centres were built for off-duty soldiers and thousands of servicemen, both Canadian and those from other countries training in Canada, were fed and looked after.

And in return, the Canadian government closed its doors even tighter to the desperate Jews attempting to flee the Nazis. In the five years of war, fewer than 500 Jewish refugees were allowed into this country.

But VE-Day changed eveything. Out of the ashes of war a new Canada was born; new leaders with new ideas and an expanded vision of the country's future began moving into positions of power. Canada's hour of opportunity had arrived. With much of the world devastated, Canada was on the brink of becoming a real world power. All she needed was more people. And so the immigration doors were flung open and over the next decade or so, millions passed through, including thousands of Jews, most of them survivors of the death camps.

The all-enveloping blanket of anti-Semitism slowly but inexorably began to lift. Shocked by the horrors of the Holocaust and perhaps by their own government's complicity, and caught up in the dramatic struggle of the plucky, beleaguered Jews in Palestine to create their own state, many Canadians became more sensitive to the needs of their Jewish citizens and more sympathetic to their goals.

Out of the war as well, a new Jewish community was being created. Though traumatized by what had happened to their kin in Europe, they were also inspired by the exploits of their soldiers and of the success of the brand new State of Israel.

Canadian Jews were no longer prepared to turn the other cheek. When Jews were barred from a Toronto skating rink, a Laurentian resort, a Manitoba beach and various medical schools, the community reacted. When Jewish veterans, despite their sacrifice for their country, were refused jobs and accommodations, the community no longer found itself alone.

Various political leaders and organizations took up the Jewish cause, and with the support of young, dedicated officials from the Jewish Labor Committee and the Canadian Jewish Congress, the barriers were blasted away.

Politicians and judges, newly sensitized, passed anti-discrimination legislation and created the first human rights commissions. Energized by a newly emboldened Canadian Jewry, Canadian society was shaken to its roots. Orchestrated by a creative, dynamic group of Jewish activists, the campaign to obliterate racism and hatred swept the country, succeeding in most places, failing — but only temporarily — in others. Finally narrow-mindedness was beginning to give way to generosity, contempt to respect, bigotry to tolerance.

This was Canadian Jewry's greatest gift to this country. It is a gift — symbolized by the Charter of Rights and by multiculturalism — that Canadians still savor.

Funny, bittersweet memories

By JACK CHISVIN

During the war, service in the Canadian Officers Training Corps was mandatory for all male university students.

When spring studies ended, we were posted to a military base for advanced training. On VE Day I was deep in Manitoba gumbo behind a transit, surveying a field near Winnipeg.

VE-Day notwithstanding, I was assigned to Camp Shilo for the summer. I was ordered to report at the train station the next day in full battle dress, including a previously issued rifle.

In an ill-fitting uniform with a tin helmet on my head, a rifle across my shoulder, a knapsack on my back and dragging a duffle bag, I walked to the bus stop on my way to the railway station. My mother accompanied me, holding on to me protectively. As the bus took off I could see her, crying, chasing the bus down the street, shedding the tears of every mother who had ever sent a son off to war.

This funny bitter-sweet memory of my mother has not faded with time.

VE-Day/ Yom Ha'atzmaut

Significant Jewish presence in military

By JANICE ROSEN

Travelling on a Toronto-bound train in the spring of 1941, newly-appointed Jewish army chaplain Rabbi Gershon Levi overheard a conversation which illustrated the all-too-familiar perception of Jews as not involved in fighting the war.

" 'And all those healthy-looking young men in civvies, why didn't they join up? And where are the Jews?' Suddenly the speaker looked across at me. 'What do you think, padre?' He seemed to think he could assume that I was not a Jew, since I was in uniform, so there was no risk of embarrassment.

"Somehow, both isolationists and patriots in the general population took it for granted that Jews were not enlisting in the armed forces, at a time when enlistment was still completely voluntary."

With the benefit of hindsight, and after five years spent compiling a nominal roll of Jewish servicemen, Rabbi Levi would be able to refute his travelling companions' assumptions with some dramatic figures.

Indeed, as Irving Abella noted in his 1990 book, *A Coat of Many Colors*: "As in the First World War, Jewish enrolment in the armed forces was among the highest per capita of any group in the country. Seventeen thousand joined up — about 50 per cent of those eligible for military service — and hundreds were decorated for bravery."

There has been a significant Jewish presence in the armed forces thoughout Canadian history. Our community's pioneer of Jewish demographics, Louis Rosenberg has noted: "Curiously enough, although Jews are traditionally a peaceful people, Jews were identified with military and naval affairs in the early years of their settlement in Canada to a much greater extent than the small number of Jews in 18th-century Canada would have led one to expect."

Canadian Jewish military history begins with the famous "first Jewish settler in Quebec," Aaron Hart, an officer in the British army at the time of the conquest of New France.

As well, Alexander Schomberg, captain of the frigate *Diana* under General James Wolfe, was born of Jewish parents.

At the time of the war of 1812, most of the Jews then in Canada held commissions in the militia, including four of the sons of Aaron Hart. During the rebellion of 1837-38, Jews rallied to the Loyalist side, again with many serving as officers in the militia.

In 1939, Louis Rosenberg had great difficulty in finding accurate records of the number of Jews who served in World War I. His considered estimate, based on Canadian and British sources, was that there were 4,695 Jews in the Canadian Expeditionary Force, out of a total Jewish population of slightly over 75,681.

Two years later, Rabbi Levi again found it no easy task to compile his exhaustive nominal roll during World War II. His book *Breaking New Ground: the struggle for a Jewish chaplaincy in Canada* (published by the CJC National Archives in 1994) contains details of his work, as he tracked down Jewish-sounding names among all branches of the service and followed up his guesses with direct contacts. His research, as well as that of the Canadian Jewish Congress War Efforts Department, eventually confirmed the presence of a total Jewish enlistment of 16,559 men and women, including 7494 in the army, and 5772 in the RCAF. In all, 9.8 per cent of the Jewish population of 168,367 in Canada at the time was in the military. Of this number, there were 703 casualties.

In eventual acknowledgment of the high rate of Jewish enlistment, the Canadian Army authorized 16 posts for Jewish chaplains, or roughly one chaplain per 1,000 military personnel. Duties of the chaplains included personal counselling, direction and administration of work done by part-time chaplains, volunteer rabbis on behalf of Jewish servicemen, contact with National Defence Headquarters on all matters affecting Jewish service personnel and administrative work such as keeping nominal rolls and records, distributing religious literature and corresponding with isolated units and individuals.

Rabbi Samuel Cass (right) salutes at the first Jewish service on German soil, outside the Reichwald Forest on March 18, 1945. [CJC National Archives photo]

Besides the Congress archival records, David Rome's *Canadian Jews in World War II*, published in 1948 when he was press officer, also contains a brief biography and often a photograph of those who were decorated or killed in service.

The story of Jewish participation in the campaign that led to VE-Day must also include those who served in other Allied armies before immigrating to Canada. Although exact figures are difficult to trace, compiled information is beginning to be published, as for example a recent book issued in Polish listing the names of at least 63 Jews who gave their lives serving in the 1st Armored Division under the 1st Canadian Army.

And there is still much to be discovered in the histories of those who fought.

Janice Rosen is the archives director of Canadian Jewish Congress National Archives.

Celebrations in Picadilly Circus

By RUTH GOLDSMITH

I'll never forget my first kiss. My older sister Muriel and I were in Picadilly Circus in London, England. Two shabby schoolgirls in our frumpy war-worn clothes, we splurged a week's pocket money to take the tube (subway) to central London to celebrate VE-Day.

We yelled, we cheered, we danced and we each got our first kiss. Mine was from a doughboy, an American soldier. My sister chose a Yankee sailor with a Popeye hat and bell-bottomed trousers.

Both avid Socialists, we cheered our Conservative Prime Minister Winnie (Winston) Churchill and Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. Avowed anti-imperialists, we yelled like maniacs when King George VI and the Queen, with their little girls Elizabeth and Margaret Rose, appeared on the balcony at Buckingham Palace.

Ruth Goldsmith 50 years ago.

Muriel in Boughton in 1941.

As a finale we caught the last tube train home, so crowded that many of the females ended up on the laps of the beaming males, who had grabbed most of the seats. Not very elegant, but the greatest time I'd ever had!

The excitement blotted out the horrors of the newsreel I'd seen a few weeks before, with walking Jewish skeletons being liberated from Bergen-Belsen by the British.

I forgot the five years of food and fuel shortages, the Blitz, the doodlebugs and V-2 rockets that had been showered on London for years. For now, life was beautiful; we all loved one another; we had hope and innocence. We knew now the war was over, life was going to be wonderful for everyone. We would all help each other, just as we had during the war.

How I miss those long-lost illusions!

It was business as usual in Victoria

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

It was business as usual at the Patricia Bay RCAF station (now the Victoria International Airport) on VE-Day.

I was perched on the stern of the RCAF twin-engine cabin cruiser adjusting the Union Jack — this was long before the Maple Leaf came into being. We were part of an air-sea rescue unit, whose job was to patrol the waters around Patricia Bay, about 25 miles north of Victoria.

Patricia Bay was an operational training station where graduates of the Commonwealth air schools from all over Canada gathered after graduation to form crews and learn how to handle the "big ones," the bomber planes or the speedy fighters. Often, they crashed into the water on takeoff or landing and it was our job to help them — or sometimes to pick up bodies.

We all knew the war in Europe was coming to an end, because Lorne Greene had told us so in the 10 p.m. national radio broadcast the night before (no CNN or TV in those days), but there was almost no celebration on the station because we regretted that we would not have a chance to serve in Europe after waiting in Canada for three years, and because we had heard the Japanese would not surrender.

The fly boys were practising as usual and we had no emergencies to handle. Then our flight-sergeant told us it was now official — the war was over. I tuned on the radio

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We came face to face with grim reality of situation

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

As the whole world celebrated VE-Day, for Peter Silverman, David Smuschkowitz and Peter Smuszkowicz, former members of the Spartak Brigade, an elite partisan unit that tormented the German army for more than two years during World War II, there was no celebration — they were in emotional shock.

"We remaining Jews from Jody and vicinity were devastated," says Silverman. "During the war, we expected to be killed, but after, we found that we lived but so many others didn't live. Now we were face to face with the grim reality of our situation. We looked at our past and saw nothing but nightmares. We looked at our present and saw despair and heartbreak. We looked at our future and saw hopelessness."

They had heard on Russian BBC radio in Polish that the Nazis had surrendered. As Jewish anti-Nazi armed resistance fighters, they had been liberated before VE-Day by the Russian army in July 1944. During the 10 months to VE-Day they joined the Red Army and continued in a special search and destroy unit seeking former Nazis and collaborators.

Peter Silverman on Liberation Day, July 1944.

"We remembered the vow we made on the graves of our fallen comrades, friends and relatives, to make every effort to get some measure of justice against those who betrayed and killed Jews," says Silverman.

In a book by the three resistance fighters titled, *From Victims to Victors*, they tell of their two years in the forest near Vilna thwarting the Nazi's goal. Their brigade derailed German troops and trains, attacked police and soldiers, and went after informers and collaborators. Silverman and Smuschkowitz led a strike unit against known murderers and betrayers.

The three partisans supported two Jewish camps in the forest for those who were too young, too old, too weak or to sick to join the partisans.

"Thanks to the partisan group, the Jewish fighters were able to save 80 Jews in the forest," says Silverman. Twice the Germans came with tremendous force — tanks, artillery and aircraft, to clear the forest, but most were able to escape the blockade.

"To be killed was nothing," he told *The CJN*. "But when you were wounded — we couldn't leave them — some of the wounded committed suicide in order not to be captured."

Even 50 years later, Silverman shudders when he recalls the brutality of the Germans when they captured a Jewish partisan — the slow torture was indescribable.

From Victims to Victors was awarded the Toronto Jewish Book Committee's 1993 Andrzej and Karolina Jus Prize for Holocaust Literature. The three authors of the book are the founders and builders of the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Earl Bales Park, created by sculptor, Ernest Raab.

Silverman and Smuschkowitz, who are cousins, are members of the National Command of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada.

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Celebrations in the Yukon

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

On VE-Day, Sam Pasternack remembers that "jubilation spontaneously broke out as the entire base at Watson Lake in the Yukon began a 48-hour celebration."

Pasternack, who joined the Royal Canadian Air Force when he was 17, says he had just landed at Watson Lake and was up in the control tower, when the news that the Germans had surrendered came over the Teletype machine.

Sam Pasternack

During his 37 months in the RCAF, he worked as a wireless electrical mechanic, serving at several bases across Canada including the No. 1 Wireless School in Montreal and the No. 6 Bombing and Gunnery School in Mountainview, Ont.

He was then posted to the North West Air Command Headquarters and the North West Staging Route which was an air route extending from Edmonton through White Horse in the Yukon and into Alaska.

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Pasternack looked after the wireless equipment and communications on the ground and at times, if a wireless expert was needed, he volunteered to join the aircraft going north to Alaska.

Pasternack is the national commander of the 1,400-member Jewish War Veterans of Canada, located in eight posts from coast to coast.

Screams of joy heard as camp liberated by U.S.

By HARRY KOZUCH

I was taken away from home at age 16. After being in several camps, I was transferred with many others in 1945 to Ebensee, a branch of Mathausen, located in the mountains of upper Austria. Ebensee was known as the death camp.

It was the month of May: the air in the mountains was fresh and pleasant, the desire to survive was stronger than ever. One morning an assembly was called. The chief SS officer and the camp commandant told us a battle was to take place around the camp and for our safety, we were going to be gathered inside the tunnels.

In the mountains we had built tunnels for a war munitions factory. The inside was partially finished and big enough to accommodate 20,000 people. There were a lot of explosives to blow the place up.

We had some idea about the plans, and all those assembled shouted "No," and we refused to obey the order. Most of the SS guards had run away. There was not enough manpower to force us. The crematorium had stopped working because of fuel shortages. The smell of the bodies laying around the crematorium was awful.

The next morning we noticed a white cloth flying from the chimney of the crematorium. Late that same day screams of joy were heard throughout the camp. The Americans are here. With all the strength of a 35-kg (77 lbs.) man, I ran with everyone else to the gate.

And there was an American soldier standing on his armored vehicle. Everyone tried to touch him, to see if he was real. Are we liberated? Are we free? The soldier's clothes were torn in shreds, he was in his underwear fearing for his life. This was not a dream, it was real.

I tried to find my brother David. I went to the so-called hospital — a few barracks separated by barb wire and a heavy gate. The gate was open.

I went from barrack to barrack calling "David, the Americans are here, we are free." Very few could move. There were live and dead bodies spread out on the floors and beds.

I found David, took him under the arm and we walked out. It was a miracle he was alive, and I will always remember the date, May 6.

The next day we assembled according to national groups. The Jews made up a small group. An American officer talked to us in Jewish, encouraged us that help was coming. We sang the *Hatikvah*. Most of us cried for joy.

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Jack Cahan is seen at Summerside, P.E.I., in 1955.

'We had a helluva party'

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

For almost 22 years, Jack Cahan served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a pilot — 17 years with the regular force and five years in the reserve.

On VE-Day, Cahan, who had been released from regular duty in February 1945 and was in the reserve, recalls that he was in civilian clothes working as a store manager at Richstone Bakeries in Montreal when he heard the news that the war in Europe was over.

Cahan donned his uniform and headed downtown to Peel and St. Catherine streets and joined the throngs of celebrants. He says that with five of his buddies, "we had a helluva party."

Cahan later rejoined the RCAF and served as a squadron leader until 1965. He served with the NATO forces in France for four years.

When he received his wings at the end of 1944, he says the attrition rates were falling and overseas personnel requirements were declining. "I have one major regret," says Cahan, "and it has bothered me all my life — I did not see action."

"Nevertheless," he says, "we were lucky, for it was very important to me as a Jewish Canadian to serve in the Canadian Forces. I am proud to have been a member of the Allied forces which brought the war to a halt."

Cahan is the commander of the Metropolitan Toronto Post of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada and a deputy commander of the National Command. He remains active in the RCAF Pilot's Club, the Aircrew Association of the British Commonwealth and other associations. He is an active community worker and is involved in raising money for school fund-raising projects.

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on the boat (I was a wireless operator) and indeed, we heard the official announcement. But the flight-sergeant warned us that our job wasn't done. Japan was still fighting and being on the Pacific coast, we were closest to the Orient and liable to be shipped over there.

So we were happy but we were concerned ... and a little scared.

For us the war was not over. However, because I had a job to go back to (which was a rarity for many servicemen who had joined while the Great Depression was still on), I was given the option of taking a discharge if I went back to the same employer, as had been agreed by law. Without much hope of getting to Japan, I was soon back at work as a copy editor at the *Winnipeg Free Press*.

I was on the desk when the A-bomb was dropped and again when Japan surrendered a couple of days later.

VE-Day / Yom Ha'atzmaut

'It was a relief that it was finally finished'

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Albert Glazer received several citations while with the Royal Air Force and the Royal Canadian Air Force. On VE-Day Glazer was in England.

"It was a relief that it was finally finished — that it was over and we no longer were under pressure," he says.

Glazer was trained as a ground radar expert and during his training, he took optional flying. Although he was a non-aircrew member, he flew with the Malta night fighters and radar equipped bombers and had 564 operational hours to his credit, flying in Wellingtons and Beaufighters.

He was stationed in England, Scotland and Malta (which was the hottest spot of the European war). Malta, Glazer says, was truly isolated. The nearest British bases were almost 1,000 miles away — Gibraltar to the west and Alexandria in the other direction. The Allied planes were able to inflict almost mortal damage to the enemy ships carrying supplies to Rommel and his Afrika Korps.

Malta endured more bombs than the city of London, England. Glazer says it was crucial that Malta remain under Allied control.

As a squadron leader in 1942, Glazer was ordered to go to Buckingham Palace where he was awarded a Distinguished Flying Cross by King George VI. He was the first non-flying airman to win this distinction.

Albert Glazer is seen with the daughter-in-law of Air Marshall Sir Ivor Broom, his former roommate, at a reunion last month in London, England.

In 1992, he received the Malta George Cross 50th Anniversary Medal for outstanding service in Malta. He has also received an Africa Star, Atlantic Star, Defence Medal and Canada 125th Anniversary Medal.

Last month, Glazer flew to London, England, as a guest of the television show, *This is Your Life*, to appear on a program honoring his former roommate, Air Marshal Sir Ivor Broom, who had a distinguished career in the Royal Air Force.

Although the guns have been silenced for 50 years, Glazer remains committed to the Jewish War Veterans of Canada and the Malta George Cross Island Association, an association of survivors of the terrible 1940 to 1943 blitz and siege.

'It was a moving experience'

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Jack Grossman, a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, who served overseas for four years in World War II, was on leave in London, England on VE-Day and celebrated the end of the war in Picadilly Square.

"It was a moving experience," says Grossman, "and I was very relieved that the war was finally over and very thankful to be alive. It was a period in my life that will remain with me all the days of my life."

Grossman, who was a bomb aimer and photographer, was stationed in Yorkshire, England in the 6th Group Bomber Command and in the Canadian 424 Squadron in Topcliffe, Yorkshire. His squadron flew Lancaster Bombers, with their bombing raids aimed at targets in France and Germany.

Grossman spent one year at a coastal command base in Castle Archdale in Ireland, where he flew Sunderland Flying Boats over the Atlantic, searching out German submarines.

Today, Grossman, president of Billy Bee Honey Products Ltd. of Toronto, believes that his training in the RCAF Bomber Command did not teach him about marketing "but I did learn how to aim at an objective and this has undoubtedly helped me in my business, which has sales around the world."

Jack Grossman in 1943.

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Rabin, Weizman address Yom Hashoah ceremony

Allied victory overshadowed by Holocaust: PM

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Fifty years after the victory over Nazi Germany and the liberation of the death camps, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week thanked the Allied forces in the name of the Jewish people.

Speaking at last Wednesday night's state ceremony ushering in Yom Hashoah at Yad Vashem, Rabin said, however, that the Allied victory would always be overshadowed by the Holocaust.

The ceremony was opened by President Ezer Weizman, who also referred to the significance of the 50th anniversary of the liberation.

When VE-Day is marked this week in Europe, he said, "with the attendance of the Israeli president as the symbol of Israel's sovereignty ... the Jewish people will say proudly — loud and clear: 'I shall not die but shall live,' " Weizman declared.

But in the plaza beside the Warsaw Ghetto memorial, an awe-filled silence enveloped the overflow crowd of survivors and their families, as well as diplomats, dignitaries, Israelis and tourists from all walks of life, as the national flag was lowered to half-mast.

Standing next to the flame that was lit by Yad Vashem advisory board head Yosef Burg, Rabin's voice rang out in the dark: "In the name of the Jewish people, the best of whose sons and daughters went to their deaths facing the 'walls of death' and in the gas chambers; on behalf of the ghetto fighters, who pulled the trigger until they could no longer; on behalf of the survivors of the Holocaust, and on behalf of their sons and daughters, I wish today to give thanks to the Allied nations and their armies which — even having tarried too long — brought about the day of redemption.

Israel came to a two-minute standstill to mourn and remember the six million. [RNS photo]

"Fifty years have passed since one-third of our people were incinerated in the crematoria, since the day that the Allies trampled the human beasts — the remnants of the army of Nazi Germany," he said. "Fifty years have passed since we opened the doors of Hell and exposed the great tragedy of the Jewish people.

"Today, together with the entire free world, we mark VE-Day — and we are not joyful. We take special note of the war waged by the Allied armies, in whose ranks 1.5 million Jews served. We offer thanks to the representatives of the small Jewish community in Eretz Israel who served in the British army. But we have not joined, and will not join, in the celebrating. The Holocaust which befell the Jewish people was greater than we could bear."

Survivors' tales to be collected

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem and Israel's Education Ministry have launched a nationwide campaign to collect testimony from aging survivors.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein and Yad Vashem director Avner Shalev described the project at a news conference in Jerusalem last week.

The joint project, to begin next month, will recruit Israeli high school students to gather survivors' testimony.

Rubinstein said the project would help document all available information from what he called a "fast-disappearing generation" of Holocaust survivors.

He also hoped that recruiting Israeli teenagers to gather the information would deepen their motivation to learn about he Holocaust.

The students, after receiving guidance on how to gather testimony, will begin knocking on doors in the pilot communities of Carmiel, Kiryat Gat and Ra'anana.

"We are asking our students to visit survivors' homes, write down the names of the people who were murdered and assassinated by the Nazis in death camps, record the testimonials and collect mementos and other evidence of those tragic days," said Rubinstein.

Like Rubinstein, Shalev stressed the urgency to obtain living testimony.

"There is a transition between generations. The generation of survivors who are living witnesses to the tragedy are fading out, are leaving us, and the responsibility to keep their remembrance is taken by younger generations," Shalev said.

Meanwhile, Israel Defence Force soldiers have entered some 50,000 names into Yad Vashem's computerized database from handwritten "pages of testimony" in different languages, Shalev said. Another 30,000 names are expected to be added this year.

As part of the large-scale effort to gather documentation, Shalev also announced that Yad Vashem and film director Steven Spielberg will cooperate in a drive to gather video interviews with survivors.

In the wake of *Schindler's List*, Spielberg established the Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation to gather filmed testimonies of survivors from around the world, including Israel.

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Law of Return sparks heated debate in Israel

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Re-igniting a heated controversy that has long raged in Israel and in Diaspora communities throughout the world, two Orthodox members of the Knesset have proposed amendments to the Law of Return.

The proposed amendments to the law, which was passed in July 1950 granting all Jews the right to immigrate to Israel, was also the subject of a heated exchange last week among members of the Jewish Agency for Israel's executive.

The latest proposals were made amid an ongoing debate about the large number of immigrants from the former Soviet Union who are not Jewish according to Halachah.

According to a recently released Interior Ministry report, more than 110,000 non-Jews have come to Israel since 1989, representing some 20 per cent of all olim from the former Soviet Union in that period.

The Absorption Ministry estimates that the number will continue to increase in the coming years.

The amendments were introduced this week by Yitzhak Levy of the National Religious Party and Avraham Ravitz of the Degel HaTorah Party.

The first amendment seeks to abolish the "grandparent clause," which in 1970 was added to the Law of Return to allow the non-Jewish grandchildren of Jewish grandparents to immigrate to Israel.

The second amendment would bar those who convert to Judaism in Israel from bringing the rest of their non-Jewish family to the country.

Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban, who is strongly opposed to abolishing the grandparent clause amendment, pointed out in a recent newspaper interview that no more than two per cent of all olim would be affected by such amendments.

"These are negligible numbers, and anyone who thinks that the amendment will solve the problem of non-Jewish olim from the former Soviet Union is deluding himself," Tsaban was quoted as saying in the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*.

He added that although converts should not have an automatic right to bring over the rest of their families, he would prefer that the issue be dealt with by the Supreme Court, rather than by an amendment to the Law of Return.

Last Monday, the Jewish Agency's executive began a series of discussions on this issue.

Acting agency chair Avraham Burg reiterated his opposition to any changes to the law.

"Any alteration would have a profound effect on Israel's society and its relationship with Diaspora Jewry," he said. "Those who want to touch the Law of Return are themselves shooting immigration in the head."

Earlier attempts to change the law have provoked outrage among Diaspora Jews, especially attempts to deny recognition of conversions performed by non-Orthodox rabbis abroad.

Yehiel Leket, chair of the agency's youth aliyah department, echoed Burg's position. He said the Zionist movement remains opposed to any changes in the law.

Given the low number of people who would be affected by the proposed changes, he said, the issue does not constitute a national problem.

In contrast, Uri Gordon, chair of the agency's immigration department, strongly opposed that view, saying he is "against bringing gentiles to Israel."

The controversy over non-Jews in Israel has also spilled over to the related issues of circumcision and the recognition of conversions in Israel not performed by the Orthodox establishment.

Tsaban disclosed in the *Ha'aretz* interview that the Ministry of Absorption has contributed $10,000 to Keren Habrit, which provides subsidized circumcisions to adult immigrants who are refused the services of the Religious Affairs Ministry.

The fund was established last year by the Reform and Conservative movements in Israel, in response to the plight of olim who ran into difficulties with the Orthodox establishment and who could not afford the high costs of adult circumcision.

According to Amir Shacham, director of the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Centre, the demand for the fund's services reaches into the thousands.

Andrew Sacks, a Conservative rabbi and mohel who heads Keren Habrit, said in an interview that non-Jewish children from abroad who were adopted by Israeli parents were also refused circumcisions by the Orthodox establishments, on the grounds that their parents were not maintaining an observant lifestyle.

He also said the tendency of the Orthodox establishment to convert as few olim as possible creates great hardships for them.

The only Reform and Conservative conversions now recognized by the Interior Ministry are those performed abroad.

But the Supreme Court is expected to rule soon on a petition filed by the Israel Religious Action Centre and the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, demanding that non-Orthodox conversions in Israel be recognized as well.

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Editors arrested

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israeli authorities have taken into custody the editors of the country's two leading newspapers, in connection with a year-old case alleging the papers engaged in wiretapping in an effort to boost circulation.

Allegations surfaced last year that senior executives from *Ma'ariv* and *Yediot Achronot* had been involved in the illegal wiretapping of the offices of each other and other journalists, as well as those of public and political figures.

Police originally investigated two private detectives who have since been indicted for wiretapping the phone, fax and cellular phone lines of hundreds of people, including President Ezer Weizman and officials with Shin Bet, Israel's domestic intelligence service.

The police investigation gradually turned to executives and staff at the two newspapers.

Last week, police arrested Ofer Nimrodi, editor-in-chief of *Ma'ariv*, at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Police also confiscated documents from Nimrodi's home and office. Five other *Ma'ariv* employees, including the paper's security officer, were called in for questioning.

Nimrodi, who has been questioned by police before, faced allegations of illegally hiring the two private investigators to carry out illegal wiretaps and of obstructing justice.

Scud deaths tallied

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — A new study suggests stress played a major role in the deaths of Israelis during the 1991 Persian Gulf War, when Israel was attacked by Scud missiles launched by Iraq.

The report, published last week in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, found that Israel's overall death rate soared when the Scuds fell.

The team of three researchers from Hadassah Medical School involved in the study found that the actual death toll on Jan. 18, 1991 — the day of the first Iraqi attack — was 147. That represents an incidence of death 58 per cent higher than the same day the previous year, even though no one was directly hit by a missile.

The researchers stressed they had no definitive answers regarding the causes of death, but added it was likely tensions connected to the war could have been a factor.

"There are a number of possibilities," one of the researchers, Dr. Leon Epstein, told Israel Radio. "This was a very stressful period. People were worried about an unknown possibility.

"It is known that stress can provoke heart attacks," he added. "Also, there could have been breathing problems connected to using the [gas] masks in sealed rooms."

Altogether, Iraq fired 39 missiles at Israel on 17 separate days between Jan. 18 and Feb. 25, 1991. The attacks caused extensive property damage and more than 1,000 injuries, but only two deaths as a result of direct hits, the study said.

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April 23:

• Israel media reported that during his visit next month to the United States Prime Minister Rabin will ask President Clinton to pardon Jonathan Pollard. Government spokespeople refused to confirm or deny the report, saying only that the Pollard matter must be handled "discreetly."

April 24:

• Maccabi Tel Aviv won the national basketball league championship by defeating Hapoel Galil Elyon 95 - 80, thus winning the final series three games to none.

April 25:

• The media reported that the Foreign Minister of Syria will travel to Washington before the end of May at the invitation of his American counterpart Warren Christopher. Shimon Peres is also scheduled to be in Washington around that time, but it is not clear whether the two ministers will meet.

April 26:

• In a special briefing session of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Chief of Staff Lt. General Amnon Shahak stated that the Islamic Jihad had recently warned the Palestintian Authority that they intended to assassinate its leaders. He also stated the continued closure of the territories is having a negative influence on Gaza's population, whose hatred of Israel is increasing. "We must remember that over a long period, this may bring about the collapse of the Palestinian Authority.

April 27:

• The police announced that the former secretary of the Histadrut, Haim Haberfeld, will be investigated on charges that he misused public funds, including the financing of his personal election campaign.

• Kol Yisrael reported that Israel, the Palestinian Authority (PA) and the donor countries finalized an agreement in Paris for transferring financial aid to the PA. Under the plan, the PA will have to improve and streamline their economic institutions.

April 28:

• According to reports in *Yediot Aharonot*, former chief of staff Ehud Barak is not intending to join the government in mid-June. Rather, he will concentrate his efforts in business to build a financial basis for any future personal election campaign.

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Link alleged to killing squad

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"We owe this to all Canadians, as well as the Holocaust survivors in our midst," Harris said.

Pointing to the activities of the Einsatzgruppen, Harris said "these units cut a murderous swath through western Poland and the former Soviet Union. We continue to question why the government is not proceeding with a criminal charge instead of deportation to another country."

B'nai Brith spokesperson Marvin Kurz pointed to the "momentum" building on the war crimes dossier. "However, [the Oberlander] case ... is only the tip of the iceberg. Not only must these cases proceed expeditiously, the government must pick up the pace and bring forward the other nine cases it is aware of simultaneously and without further delay."

In recent months, the Justice Department's war crimes unit announced it was forwarding 12 completed files to Immigration for denaturalization and deportation. Federal authorities said they would test the legal waters with four cases.

Jewish groups have objected to that strategy, saying the successful deportation of Jacob Luitjens to Holland has provided sufficient precedent. They urged all 12 cases be commenced.

"We are in a desperate race against time," said Sol Littman, Canadian head of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre. He applauded Justice Minister Allan Rock and Citizenship and Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi for "keeping their promise to name these men" and he urged a quick hearing.

So far Erichs Tobiass, 84, of Toronto, and Joseph Nemsila, 82, of Oshawa have been named as alleged war criminals.

Tobiass has been accused of participating in the mass execution of Jews in Nazi-occupied Latvia while Nemsila is accused of being a member of the Hlinka Guard, the Slovak equivalent of the German SS.

Nemsila was not the first alleged Hlinka Guard named by federal authorities. In 1990, Stephen Reistetter of St. Catharines, Ont., was charged with kidnapping 3,000 Jews and deporting them to Nazi camps. Charges were dropped when witnesses died.

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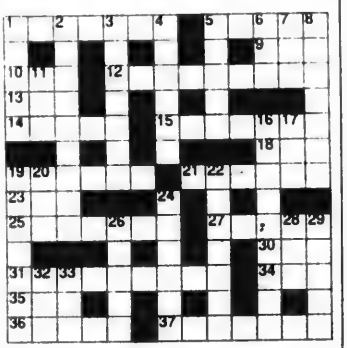

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5 Week of mourning at home
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12 Mordecai wore this
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14 Yehuda - went from the Haganah to Milan to organize escapes to Palestine
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18 The self
19 Senility
21 Fixed unlighted navigation aid
23 Suffix: order
25 The Essenes were an - sect
27 Reduces
30 Between the devil and the deep blue -
31 Protestation
34 Sick
35 Advocate of new
36 To come out
37 A good garden windbreak does this to the air rather than block it

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1 About
2 Grandiloquent
3 First impressions are the most -
4 This Hebrew poetess was born in 1890 and died in 1931
5 Distinct units within larger group
6 Prefix: equal
7 Type of tax
8 Abba Eban described Dean - as brilliant but frigid
11 It is possible to have a cauliflower one
16 Overriden by dominant
17 Vanity
19 Industry in Antwerp where Jews are significant force
20 Cricket term
22 Everlasting
24 He told Herzl that he was mad
26 Implicit
28 As slippery as an -
29 Removed by kidneys
32 Contest
33 A book of the Bible

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Mazel Tov

Sam &Rose Spindel celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on February 24.

Lillian, daughter of Tom & Agi Foldes and Martin, son of Bill & Zelda Wagman were recently married at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Zachary Jason Feldberg, son of Reisa and Arie Feldberg of Willowdale, celebarated his bar mitzvah on April 8 at Adath Israel Synagogue. Proud grandmothers are Lily Bresner and Miriam Feldberg of Montreal.

David & Rochelle Barkin happily announce the birth of Candice Sarina on March 23. Proud grandparnts are Gerald & Claire Simon, Leonard & Bryna Barkin and Alex Chernick. Candice is named in memory of her safta Sarah Chernick.

Adam & Robyn Polan are thrilled with the birth of Shane Max on January 16. Proud grandparents are Hushy & Shari Polan and Shirley Swartz. Shane is named in memory of his Zaidie Shire Swartz and his great grandfather Max Rosenbloom.

January 18 is a special day, Ariel Shlomo was born to Ilana & Jay. Barbara & Aubrey, Rabbi Joseph & Ruth are parents so grand, Rona & Nathan Katz and Yetta Friedman as great grandparents join the happy band. Tova & Allen, Murry, Johnny and Taly are uncles and aunts – attentive and dear. For many cousins we look to them, and hope they'll be near.

Natalie Eskinazi and Ron Blum are engaged. Happy parents are Roger & Rosie Eskinazi and Hans & Rachel Blum.

Ettie Gila Zamler and Dr. Aaron David Schimmer are planning an August wedding. Happy parents are Hana & Harvey Zamler and Eleanor & Bernard Schimmer. Proud grandparents are Florence & Emanuel Schimmer of New Jersey.

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Business Profile

Robert Fragman: CEO of Adventure Electronics

Chain's success driven by survival instincts

By RACHEL ALKALLAY
Special to The CJN

MONTREAL — It seems they're popping up everywhere. Especially due to its recent acquisition of Majestic Sound, Adventure Electronics stores are exploding onto the Ontario scene.

Robert Fragman is the president and chief executive officer of Adventure Electronics. Based in Montreal, it is Quebec's largest chain of home electronics retail shops and rapidly making its presence in Toronto.

"I'm a survivor," says Fragman. "When I was 8 years old, I would dig around in the fields for potatoes to sell to the Americans. That kind of experience marks you for life."

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Born in Grenoble, France, Fragman and his family survived the war by hiding from the occupying Nazi forces. "I had to develop an adult's understanding of the world to survive. To the outside world, I had to pretend my parents were strangers, calling them 'Monsieur' and 'Madame.' At home, we tried to have a normal family life, with regular meals, conversations and parties."

At 16, Fragman immigrated to Canada with his family. It was the start of France's war in Indo-China and his parents didn't want him to be drafted. "They also wanted to come to a country without political problems," he laughs ruefully.

Fragman began working immediately — he had left school at 14 at the suggestion of the high school principal, who bluntly informed him and his parents that he was wasting his time in school. He studied electronics at night while working in the daytime.

"I looked around and realized the future was in electronics, which to me also seemed a glamorous business," he said.

He sold radios at SOS (a retail store) and learned how to repair them at the same time. "I wasn't very good at the repair business, but I was good with people."

Fragman met his French-born wife Irma at this time; kindred spirits, they realized they shared the "dream of being self-sufficient and of helping our parents when they got older." Sharing the same goals and determination to succeed has guided them through 40 years as successful business and marriage partners.

The early years were marked by long hours and self-sacrifice. Because of their determination to be financially secure, they would forgo vacations, fancy homes and other luxuries.

Their goal was security, not wealth, and for 12 years after Fragman opened his first television rental shop on Park Avenue, the Atlantic Service Centre, it was a struggle to achieve that security.

Robert Fragman is president and chief executive officer of Adventure Electronics.

Irma worked as a secretary to keep money coming in. "Thank heavens," Fragman said, "as we would have starved in the beginning if she hadn't." She began running the administrative end of the shop a couple of years later, while keeping her secretarial job and maintaining their growing household. Today, Fragman still praises her and gives her full credit for her efforts.

In 1969, television rental was declining because people were buying their own sets. Fragman decided to go retail and opened two boutiques — one in Chomedey, the other in Jacques Cartier. He had identified the consumer mood perfectly. From 1969 to 1983, Atlantique Image et Son mushroomed into a giant retail chain, with 184 stores in Quebec and Ontario and $89 million in sales.

In 1980, in an effort to consolidate, Fragman went into partnership with a Torontonian, Bernard Klein, with each having a 50 per cent stake in the company. Klein bought out the Fragmans in 1984 (they retained 20 per cent of the stock), and the couple retired — for exactly a year.

Their return to the business was problematic. Prevented by a non-competition clause from being a rival of Atlantique, Fragman launched Marche de l'Electronique in partnership with the electronics giant. The partnership did not sit well with anyone: Fragman disapproved of the sales-driven (as compared to consumer-driven) direction taken by Atlantique's new management. Bitter public battles ensued and Fragman was forced off the board of Atlantique in January 1988.

He bounced back with Adventure Electronics, opening his first superstore in September 1989 just ahead of the recession. Business has boomed. More commonly known by its French name of Aventure Electronique, the chain is one of the largest retailers of electronic equipment in Canada, and the largest in Quebec. Sales reached $139.1 million in 1993, up 11 per cent from $125.3 million in 1992. With the continuing aggressive expansion of the business, sales are expected to increase.

The business currently employs close to 1,000 people in Quebec and Ontario in over 130 stores.

Fragman has again tapped into the consumer psyche with his superstore/boutique concept, which caters to a broad-based clientele. The stores stock televisions, VCRs and a full range of audio/visual and electronic gadgets, precisely the items which Statistics Canada says consumers are loading up on during these days of cocooning.

Gadgetry is in; for example, in higher income groups, more than 53 per cent own CD players and 93 per cent own VCRs; for low-income earners, the figures are 16 per cent and 52 per cent respectively.

The 30,000-square-foot superstores provide all the equipment needed for the comfort of a Canadian home, plus trained personnel and child-care centres where consumers can leave their children while they shop. Expansion in Quebec and Ontario continues, with the 1994 acquisition of Majestic Sound, which added nine superstores and 17 shopping mall boutiques to the chain.

Fragman plans "to saturate the market. Landlords call me up offering store locations, because Adventure Electronics attracts business."

The retail home electronics business is fiercely competitive. Fragman's former company, Atlantique Image et Son, fell prey to bad management and the recession in 1990, a year after Adventure Electronics opened its first shop. The loss was difficult for Fragman, both financially (he and his wife owned 20 per cent of the stock) and emotionally (Atlantique had been his carefully nurtured creation for over 30 years).

But Fragman remained optimistic. "You always have to look at the positives and realize that life moves on. Even in the darkest days of the Nazis in France, life continued. And I know that I would do whatever is necessary in order to survive and provide for my family."

Adventure Electronics went public in November 1993, with the Fragmans controlling 65 per cent of the shares. The Fragmans continue to put in long hours daily at their Ville d'Anjou headquarters. Robert's spacious office is equipped with a computer which provides sales updates every five minutes. He does take vacations these days, but he is never far from the business, receiving daily faxes from company headquarters wherever he is travelling.

The Fragmans' son, two daughters and sons-in-law, are involved in the business; the children began in the business in their early teens and are involved in sales and day-to-day company operations.

An important component of the chain's success are its longtime employees, many of whom have been with Fragman since his days at Atlantique. He attributes the excellent company morale to his open-door policy: employees can come to the office with their problems.

Thankfully for the Fragmans' original dream, their parents lived to enjoy the children's hard-earned success; Fragman's mother, a sprightly woman in her late 80s, continues to enjoy her family's achievements.

At 60, Fragman is as involved in the business as ever, with no plans to retire again.

He hopes his children will eventually take over the business; their involvement is a strong sign of their interest, but Fragman leaves the choice to them. He marvels at his grandchildren's ability to program VCRs and operate computers. The owner of the retail home electronics giant laughs that he himself "can't operate a VCR."

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Gov't to bail out kibbutzim

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Israeli government has approved a recovery plan for the nation's kibbutzim, agreeing to wipe out some $2 billion in debt.

Under the plan, the government will take control of some kibbutz-owned land and pay about $800 million of the debt to banks.

Under another provision of the plan, the government and banks will forgive about $1.2 billion owed by the kibbutzim.

Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said a contractual agreement still had to be signed.

Saying he hoped the plan would solve the problems of most kibbutzim, Shohat added that if within two or three years the problems were not solved, some kibbutzim would have to be dismantled.

Avraham Shohat

Critics assailed the bailout plan as an attempt to buy votes for the Labor Party in next year's national elections.

Likud Member of Knesset Michael Eitan said the government had rushed ahead with the agreement before thoroughly checking the kibbutz movement's assets.

"The kibbutzim have assets which are worth more than their debts," he said, adding that he suspects there are kibbutz-owned companies abroad which are guilty of breaking Israel's tax laws.

The Kibbutz Artzi movement, which represents 85 of the country's 270 collective settlements, denied the claims.

"We don't have any money, not here and not abroad," said the movement's secretary general, Amiram Afrati.

Israel warns Morocco

JERUSALEM — Israel's Industry and Trade minister, Micha Harish, warned Morocco last week that its refusal to allow Israeli industrialists to participate on behalf of the Israel Export Institute at the SIPEC packaging exhibition in Casablanca is liable to harm the country's economic standing.

Harish said Morocco's actions countered the principles of free world trade as encapsulated in GATT, warning that political boycotts of this type will bring sharp reactions from the United States and Europe.

Jordan-Israel rail-link

JERUSALEM — A rail connection between Haifa port and the Dead Sea industries of both Jordan and Israel was to be presented this week at an Amman conference on Jordan Valley development.

Other projects planned are a railway and highway from Haifa to Irbid, via the Jordan River border crossing, and a highway between Ashdod and Amman, crossing at the Allenby Bridge.

Free Trade talks continue

JERUSALEM — Israel and Jordan were to conclude trade negotiations by this week's deadline, Industry and Trade Ministry Foreign Trade Administration director Zohar Peri said last week.

The agreement was being held up by Israeli demands for greater tariff cuts and by the lack of an agreement in principle on the Jordanian side on the framework of a free-trade agreement that will come into force within three years

Advertiser's Corner

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This week the spotlight's on:

Original Starsband

By **BARBARA SILVERSTEIN**
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A recent corporate party at the Inn on the Park was a model of elegance, with decorations in white satin and silver, and ice sculptures adorning the 60-foot buffet table.

And the band chosen for this lavish affair was the **Original Starsband** with Juno-award winning singer Liberty Silver.

Vince Meleca and Victor Miolla started the Original Starsband in 1972. Band leader and manager, Roy Meleca (Vince's brother), a percussionist with the band for 21 years, told *The CJN* the band has always played a mix of top 40 hits and ethnic music.

The band mainly played for Italian audiences until 1975, when a Jewish guitar player joined, introducing Jewish music into the repertoire and introducing the band to the Jewish simchah circuit.

"We became 90 per cent a Jewish band. We do more weddings ... elegant affairs," Meleca said.

Originally the band worked weekends, because most of its members had other jobs and businesses, Meleca explained. "The band was a serious hobby that we just loved."

But five years ago they decided to increase their playing time, shortly after Shlomo Aviv — he specializes in Yiddish, Hebrew, French and Latin music — joined the band as a singer. They also added another guitarist and saxophone player.

The band went from 20 engagements a year in 1990 to 80 in 1992, Meleca said. "We're keeping a steady 80 a year. That's plenty [of business] for everybody."

The Original Starsband is now a seven-piece band with three singers — Aviv, Silver and Peter May, but all the musicians do some singing.

"That's the beauty of the band," Meleca said. "Five or six of us give background vocals. You don't have to hire other musicians."

Silver is the band's feature vocalist while May, an award winning vocalist, is the crooner who sings the romantic classics, Latin music and disco, Meleca said. "I couldn't ask for anything more because each vocalist is a specialist at what they do."

The band has been much in demand even during the recession, and one of the reasons is that their price has always been fair, he said.

"I've got Liberty Silver and I'm still just charging $850 to $900 an hour. As far as I'm concerned Liberty Silver is the best singer in the country."

Silver has been singing with the band for the last two years. It started with one engagement — someone offered to hire the band for a wedding if Meleca could get Silver to sing too. "The chemistry between her and the band was right," he said. "We liked her and she likes us."

Silver told *The CJN* she enjoyed singing at simchahs. "It's a family atmosphere. It's a celebration and it's nice to be part of the celebration."

She also said she feels very much appreciated as an entertainer, especially when couples ask her to sing *Somewhere Inside Your Love* — for which she won a Juno in 1980 — as the wedding song. "It's nice to know that my music can reach their soft spot," Silver said. "What I feel other people relate to."

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Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter:

Academy Award nominee studies Alzheimer's

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

An Academy Award nominee for best documentary feature, *Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter* is a powerfully empathetic film about the ravages of Alzheimer's disease.

The subject is Doris Hoffmann, the mother of the film's director, Deborah Hoffmann, whose tragedy is compounded by the fact that, in the past, she was a woman of intellectual achievement.

The documentary, part of the Toronto Jewish Film Festival, is scheduled to be screened on May 11 at approximately 8:45 p.m.

The film begins with a jolt as Doris asks Deborah plaintively, "I was your mother?"

Doris meanders on in this confused vein, finally asking, "Did we go to elementary school together?"

Doris' mental decline began at the age of 70, when she forgot that her husband — a world-renowned scientist — had died.

Though she could function amazingly well on some levels, Doris was otherwise incompetent — appearing for the same dentist appointment every day, forgetting she had been married, repeatedly cailing Deborah about a hearing-aid, trying in good faith to see a show with an old ticket, and consuming numerous bananas at one sitting.

The Toronto Jewish Film Festival

When Deborah finally realized that her beloved mother was stricken by Alzheimer's, she was devastated. And she was shaken when Doris, without knowing what she was doing, turned hostile.

The film does not focus on Doris' out-of-character antipathy toward Deborah, who's the picture of patience and understanding.

Rather, it documents Doris' gentler slide into abject senility: her inability to remember much of her life; her poignant realization that something is terribly amiss; her seemingly impulsive decision to pack all her belongings, including a bunch of bananas, into suitcases.

To the director's credit, this is not a remorselessly sad and sombre film.

Eventually, Deborah commits Doris to a nursing home. To Deborah's delight, Doris adapts remarkably well and thrives in her new environment.

As Deborah observes, you can still be "someone" *without* a memory.

This uplifting message frames *Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter*, a riveting film that all can appreciate.

Doris Hoffmann and her daughter, the film-maker.

Film documents 60-year friendship

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

They met almost 60 years ago and have never stopped being the best of friends.

Their durable relationship is the subject of Ronit Bezalel's affecting documentary, *When Shirley Met Florence*, which will be screened at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival on May 11 at 8:15 p.m.

The film celebrates their common interests, but also draws attention to a salient fact: Shirley and Florence, Montreal Jews of East European stock, are radically different with respect to sexual orientation.

Shirley, a grandmother, is heterosexual, while Florence is a lesbian. Despite this divergence, the affection they have for each other has hardly dimmed, even after nearly six decades.

The pair met near the corner of Villenueve and L'Esplanade. Shirley was playing her mandolin, when Florence suddenly appeared and began singing the lyrics to Shirley's music. Since then, music has been one of the factors that has cemented their touching friendship.

Bezalel's documentary, a National Film Board of Canada production, is essentially a paean to rare and beautiful friendships such as theirs.

As the movie unfolds, they reminisce about their adolescence, while Florence explains her lesbianism and liaisons and her reaction to Shirley's marriage to her brother, Moe.

The camera follows them around Montreal as they revisit an old school, emerge from a well-known bakery with bagels, and peer over a fence at a tenement where either Shirley or Florence once lived.

As the film ends, Shirley plays her mandolin, while Florence strums on her guitar. The smiles on their faces are beatific. They are still in love.

What a friendship. What a film.

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Miami Beach, the holiday mecca of North American Jews, was once like a shtetl, a home-away-from home for tourists who revelled in the Yiddish language.

Today Miami Beach is being renovated and gentrified, and the new developments are driving out the old Jewish denizens.

The ones who steadfastly remain, those whose favorite restaurant is Rascal House on Collins Avenue, are the subject of Bonnie Cohen's nostalgic documentary, *Meet Me In Miami Beach*, which will be screened at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival on May 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Opening with a magnificent shot of the Atlantic Ocean framed by a crimson-yellow sunset, *Meet Me In Miami Beach* is an ode to the "chosen few" who could afford the luxury of luxuriating in the sun before the age of mass travel.

Old-timers, such as Moshe Davis and Bluma Lifshitz, recall how privileged they felt to escape the winter weather and enjoy Florida's simple outdoor pleasures.

To these vacationers, Florida is doubtless beneficial to their health. As the camera pans on a group of elderly people exercising, their trainer exclaims, "Instead of kvetching, we are stretching," which just about sums it up.

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Cafe Au Lait

Cafe Au Lait, May 10 at 9:15 p.m., is a French comedy with racial overtones, set in Paris.

The protagonists Felix (Mathieu Kassovitz), an irritable Jewish bicycle courier; Jamal (Hubert Kounde), an elegant black Muslim student; and Lola (Julie Mauduech), a free-spirited West Indian mulatto who loves them both and is pregnant.

Cafe Au Lait, which is directed by Kassovitz, never resolves the paternity of the child. Is the father Felix or Jamal? But that conundrum hardly matters. What drives this light-hearted film is the evolving, occasionally amusing relationship between the lovers.

In its pacing, *Cafe Au Lait* tends to be rather slow but is worth the price of admission.—S.K.

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Synagogue Choirs: Jewish Music Toronto presents a Zimriah of choral music inspired by Isaiah's Vision of Peace. Synagogue choirs from all around Metro Toronto perform separately and in massed choir, conducted by Cantor Benjamin Maissner. Zimriah 1995 features the world premiere of *A Vision of Peace*, a new work by Louis Applebaum. Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto, May 30, 8 p.m.

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At the Koffler Gallery: The Caro Connection, a retrospective view of the world-renowned sculptor Sir Anthony Caro, is on view at the Koffler Gallery April 30 to June 9.

Highlights of Caro's remarkable career of more than 50 years include winning the sculpture prize at the Paris Biennale in 1959; being appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1969; and being knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1987. According to American critic Hilton Kramer, "He is unquestionably the most important sculptor to have come out of England since Henry Moore."

Also on view at the Koffler Gallery until June 9 is a photographic narrative of The March of the Living, 1994, by the distinguished photographer Nir Bareket. Opening reception for both exhibits is May 3 at 8 p.m.

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One-Woman Show: Actress Bryna Weiss presents her critically acclaimed one-woman show *Lily* in Artpark-at-the Church, May 5 to 7 and May 12 to 14 in matinee and evening performances. Tickets are $16.50.

Direct from sold-out performances in London and Israel, *Lily* is a sensitively told story of one woman's bittersweet odyssey from Germany and the Holocaust to Israel and the Persian Gulf War. *Lily* was written at the suggestion of Weiss by Hindi Brooks, a writer with numerous television credits. Artpark-in-the-Church is located at the corner of Plain and South Fourth streets in Lewiston, N.Y. For phone orders, call 1-800-659-PARK (7275).

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Toronto Rabbi Turns Performer: Eye On Arts recently received the following correspondence from Rose Milley, assistant to the manager of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir: "The 101st Toronto Mendelssohn Choir season opens on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 1, with a wonderfully intriguing program, the world premiere of Derek Holman's *Songs of Sion*, Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, and Honegger's *King David*. This performance also has a stellar cast with Heidi Klassen soprano, Jean Stilwell alto, Mark Dubois tenor, and a gentleman whom you may know, Dr. Gunther Plaut as narrator." Roy Thomson Hall, 416-598-0422.

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In Brief: David Newman, who teaches an intermediate level adult Yiddish class in conjunction with the Committee for Yiddish, is an accomplished singer and actor who began in Yiddish theatre in Poland before the war; he recently played the father's role in a recent Yiddish version of *Come Blow Your Horn*. Registration for his next course starts May 3 at 7 p.m. at Adath Israel Synagogue. For information, call Sharon Barron, 416-223-9042.

This season's closing concert by the Amadeus Ensemble takes place in the Glenn Gould Studio at the Canadian Broadcasting Centre, 250 Front St. W., Toronto, on May 7 at 8 p.m. The ensemble's leader and violinist Moshe Hammer welcomes special guests pianist Marc-Andre Hamelin and cellist Alexander Baillies, for an evening of music by Ravel.

The Rosedale United Church Choir and soloists present Leonard Bernstein Tonight, featuring excerpts from various Bernstein musicals, at the Rosedale United Church, Toronto, May 6 at 8 p.m. General admission $20. 416-924-0725.

Jill Segal is having a show and sale of recent watercolor, acrylic and mixed media paintings in her studio, 18 Prince Edward Blvd., Thornhill, Ont., May 12, 1 to 5 p.m., and May 13 and 14, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A celebration of the 50th anniversary of VE-Day occurs at Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto, May 8, noon to 2 p.m.

Fiddler On The Roof, presented by 42 cast members and additional crew members of the Hilltop Musical Theatre Company, is scheduled for performance at St. Andrew's College, Aurora, May 24 to May 27 at 8 p.m., and May 28 at 3 p.m. Adults $15. 905-884-6625.

Koffman Kaddish Premiere

By CYNTHIA GASNER
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TORONTO — On May 6, the Beth Tzedec Synagogue will premiere a new version of the Reader's Kaddish, composed by world acclaimed jazz and classical musician, Moe Koffman.

It is dedicated to the memory of Koffman's parents, Max and Minnie Koffman, who died a month apart in March and April of 1994. The music has been arranged for cantor and choir by Gordon Kushner, Beth Tzedec's musical director, and will be chanted by Cantor Paul Kowarsky.

Koffman told *The CJN* he and his wife Gisele, along with family members Molly and John Pollock, Bernie and Rochelle Koffman and Pearl and Jerry Bloom, will mark the occasion at a reception for their guests following the service.

Koffman, 66, says the Kaddish is written in a traditional style of Yiddish melody. "I thought my dad would like this type of music — and this is what came out." He says he hopes others will use his music as a part of a service.

This is the first religious work written by Koffman, who began his musical career in New York 40 years ago. He plays the saxophone (alto and soprano), the clarinet and the flute, and has performed with many of the greats including, Jimmy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and Woody Herman.

He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 1994.

Koffman says one of the highlights of his career was composing *Swinging Shepherd Blues* in 1958. It became an international success and today, there are more than 350 recorded versions of the piece.

Koffman's father owned Nu-Way Shoe Co., but he loved music, says Koffman.

He describes his parents as "a well loved, wonderful couple," noting that when his father died, "my mother couldn't go on without him. The new Reader's Kaddish is a tribute to their memory and their love."

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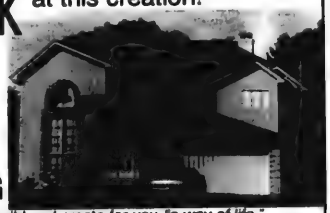

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280 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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285 SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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330 OBITUARIES

WALTERS, ABRAHAM "Ab". Peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital in Hamilton on Monday, April 17, 1995, in his 93rd year. Predeceased by his beloved wife, Jean. Dear friend of Leah Lavine. Dear father of Sheila and Gordon Zack and Lorne Walters. Dear grandfather of Merle and Harold Kalman, Janis and Larry Zack and Laura Amy Walters of Belgium. Dear great grandfather of Jay, Aaron, Bethany and Romy Zack. Dear brother of Sophie Steinberg, Sadie Warshaw, Bess Rosenberg and Dot Tuchman. Service was held on April 19. Interment was at Beth Jacob Cemetery in Hamilton. Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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Louis Gerskup on April 18, 1995, late of 131 Torresdale Avenue #906
Rose Harris on April 18, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst Street

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335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late **Henlek Max Zajac** will take place Sunday, May 21, 1995 at 11:30 a.m. at **Mount Sinai Cemetery** (Independent Workers' Circle)

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late **Chana Zaidlin** will take place **Sunday, May 7th, 12:00 noon** at the Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Farband for Lithuanian Jews section.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late **Mayer Wolf** will take place **Sunday, May 7 at 12:30 p.m,** Bathurst Lawn Cemetery, Adath Sholom Section.

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Thelma Toby Abella ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 14th, at 9:45 a.m.
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
JOHN SPITZER ז"ל
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Roselawn & Chaplin Cres
Adath Israel Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
RUBIN FIGA ז"ל
(Isaac Cywiner)
will take place
Sunday, May 7th
10:30 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Ozerower Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of our beloved
RHODA PASCOE ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 7th
10:30 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
T.I.B.A. Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Esther Hoffmitz Hirshman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 7th
10:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Clanton Park Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Abraham Krigstein ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 7th
12:00 noon
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
LILLIAN ENGLISH ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 7th
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Plenary to shape CJC future

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The 1,000 delegates expected to attend Canadian Jewish Congress' triennial Plenary Assembly will shape the future of the 76-year-old institution through their choice of president.

The two presidential candidates, both from Montreal, have vastly different styles and backgrounds. Thomas Hecht, 65, who came to Canada from war-torn Europe in 1942, is a strong Zionist and fundraiser with a reputation for putting his personal stamp on the causes he takes up.

Goldie Hershon, in her early 50s, supports modernity and moderation and is in the model of the hard-working, dues-paying party member. Unlike Hecht, who is known for his florid oratory, Hershon is reserved and has made it clear she is happiest working within a team and building upon the groundwork laid by outgoing president Irving Abella.

The new president will be taking office during a time of introspection. Congress, which bills itself as "the Parliament of Canadian Jewry," is now asking itself whether it should be a defender of rights in principle, or focus more narrowly on issues of specific Jewish concern. The threat of an ever-shrinking budget has brought this search for identity to a critical point.

Both candidates are running their campaigns as if seeking public office, buying advertising and using professional public relations services. Congress bylaws do not stipulate a spending cap.

Hershon, however, has steadfastly refused Hecht's challenge to an open debate, saying there is no precedent for such an event. Her platform emphasizes such issues as national unity, support for small communities and strengthening relations with Jews in other countries, including, of course, Israel.

"We must be certain the voice of the Jewish community in favor of federalism is communicated," she said in a statement.

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CJC OFFICE WORKERS JOIN IN
At the corner of St. Catherine and Peel, May 1945, Montrealers celebrate. Among the celebrants were Mrs. Philip Madras, who supplied this photo of her and her co-workers at Congress.

GREETINGS IN WASHINGTON
Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and U.S. President Bill Clinton attend the 36th annual American Israel Policy Action Committee (AIPAC) meeting May 7 in Washington. Rabin was in Washington for a four-day visit and consultation. *[RNS photo]*

Another week, another suspect

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A St. Catharines man accused of participating in the execution of civilians during World War II is the fourth alleged war criminal facing deportation from Canada.

Government documents filed in Federal Court last week allege that Johann Dueck failed to divulge to Canadian immigration and citizenship officials his membership in the Selidovka district police in German-occupied Ukraine from 1941 to 1943.

The document accuses Dueck of "participation in the executions of civilians and prisoners of war durirg that time."

Jewish groups applauded federal authorities for continuing to name alleged war criminals, but tempered their support with calls for action against eight others whose files have been transferred by the Justice

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CANADA

Hosts for IMO Teams

TORONTO — The Jewish and other ethnic communities in Toronto are being asked to help host more than 450 high school students from 80 countries this summer.

The students will be here to compete in the 36th International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO), July 13 to 25, at York University.

Organizers are asking communities to host a team with whose members they share a common heritage for dinner the evening of July 22. Most teams consist of six students and two team leaders.

The IMO is also looking for team guides of university age who can speak a second language.

For details, call 416-395-3568.

Laskin Honored

THUNDER BAY — Saul Laskin, who spearheaded the amalgamation of Ontario twin cities Port Arthur and Fort William into Thunder Bay, is being honored by his home town.

The youngest brother of the late Bora Laskin, a former chief justice of Canada, Laskin will be awarded an honorary doctorate of laws on May 27 by Lakehead University, where he was once chairman of the board.

Laskin, 76, was mayor of Port Arthur from 1962-70 and the first mayor of Thunder Bay, which this year is marking its 25th anniversary.

He is a former chair of Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and a former president of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Na'amat Dinner

WINNIPEG — Na'amat's 46th annual Child Rescue Dinner was held here recently, with many of the guests, led by Israeli singing star Ahuva, dancing the horah around tables.

The evening also heard from Ze'ev Kedem, the Jewish National Fund's executive director for Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Proceeds from the dinner will help support day care centres, vocational training and agricultural schools, full-care residential homes and social services for women and children in Israel.

ISRAEL

"Buzz" Beurling Honored

HAIFA — A graveside memorial service was held here recently for Canadian World War II flying ace Lt. George "Buzz" Beurling, who died in Israel's War of Independence.

Beurling, who volunteered for Israel during the 1948 war, is buried in Haifa's military cemetery. The non-Jewish hero was a decorated Spitfire pilot who was awarded Canada's Distinguished Service Order and Distinguished Flying Medal during World War II.

Population by 2020

JERUSALEM — A recent plan drawn up by the government predicts that in the year 2020, Israel's population will be 8.4 million, compared to 5.5 million today.

All cities' populations will rise, says the report, with the greater Tel Aviv region's number of inhabitants expected to increase from 2 million today to 3 million by 2020.

"Major efforts" will be made to increase settlement in the Negev and Galilee, the study said.

Palestinians Reunited

JERUSALEM — Some 100 Palestinian families, separated after the 1967 Six-Day War, will reunite after being granted permission by Israel.

The move was described as a goodwill gesture and Israel has suggested that an annual quota of 2,000 family reunifications be set.

Troops Kill Four

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops killed four Hezbollah gunmen and wounded several others last Wednesday in the southern Lebanon security zone.

No casualties were reported on the Israeli side.

Talks With S. Korea

JERUSALEM — A senior delegation from South Korea secretly visited Israel last month for talks about threats both countries face from North Korea.

The meeting came in the wake of recent reports that North Korea has sold Iran several missiles which are capable of reaching Israel.

Histadrut Probe

JERUSALEM — Police last week questioned Israel's deputy industry and trade minister for eight hours on her alleged involvement in the misuse of Histadrut funds during the 1992 Labor party primary and last year's elections to Histadrut, Israel's largest trade union.

Officials investigating the possible misuse of Histadrut funds plan to question Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar and Labor MK Avi Yehezkel as well.

Deputy Mayor Quits

JERUSALEM — The city's deputy mayor, Meshulam Amit, resigned last Monday after the High Court of Justice rejected his petition against Mayor Ehud Olmert's attempt to fire him.

Amit will continue to serve on city council.

He had charged that Olmert threatened to fire him after Amit raised alleged wrongdoings at City Hall with the mayor.

WORLD

Judaica Returned

BUDAPEST — The remaining 31 pieces of a hoard of stolen Judaica have been returned here.

Authorities in Romania last week brought back the long-awaited package of the Judaica treasure, which was stolen from the Budapest Jewish Museum in December 1993. The last 31 pieces were found in February in an apartment in Bucharest.

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An investigation into the robbery continues.

Dachau Remembered

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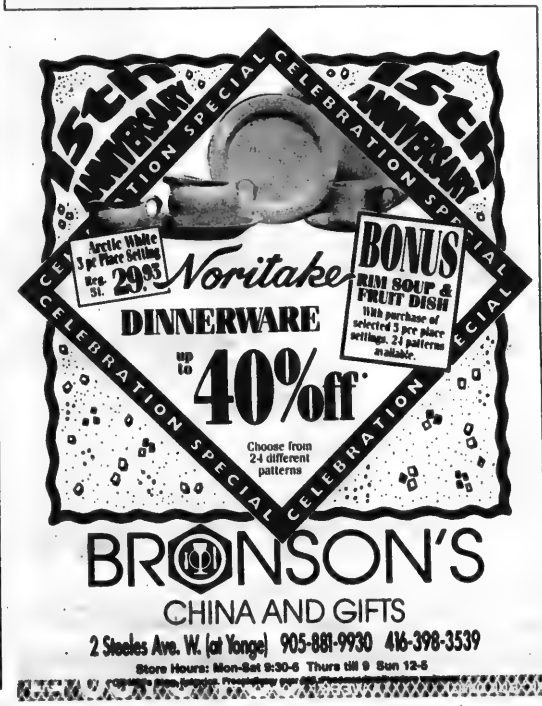
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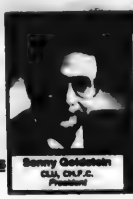
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Jewish war vets to be honored by museum

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Canadian War Museum in Ottawa plans to devote an entire wing to honor the achievements and heroism of Canadian Jewish servicemen and servicewomen, the annual dinner of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada was told last week.

The museum, on Sussex Drive, will dedicate a gallery to showcase artifacts, documents and other items designed to counter the belief that Jews have done little to defend this country, said Jewish War Veterans of Canada national commander Sam Pasternack.

The plans are part of an expansion of the museum, which is affiliated with the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Hull, Pasternack said. The dinner marked the 50th anniversary of VE-Day and was attended by some 450 Jewish war veterans, high-ranking police and military officers and members of the diplomatic corps, at Beth Emeth Synagogue.

Jewish war veterans' director Lou Van Delman told *The CJN* that plans for the gallery also call for a small sanctuary with an eternal flame where prayers may be recited.

According to Canadian War Museum director Victor Suthren, the gallery will be "substantial" — up to 2,000 square feet — and will chronicle Jewish history, the Holocaust and Jewish contribution to war.

"It will serve as an example of inhumanity and help people understand prejudice," Suthren told *The CJN*.

He said a public fundraising campaign will take place in the Jewish community over the next year to 18 months, with a view to breaking ground for the wing in 1997.

Museum directors have asked the Jewish community to raise $2.5 million toward the building's $11-million expansion, Van Delman said.

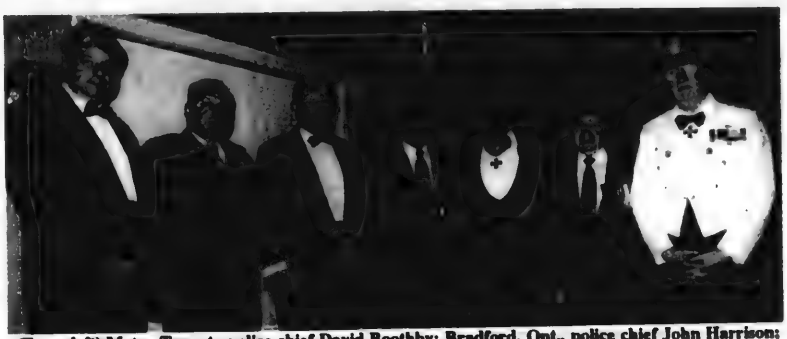
In his remarks, Pasternack recounted that 1.5 million Jews served in the Allied armies during World War II, including 17,000 from Canada, "a higher percentage than the national average."

The total included 500,000 Jews from the United States and 16,000 from Palestine, who served in North Africa. As well, Jewish partisans and resistance fighters numbered 100,000. In all, said Pasternack, it was the largest Jewish army since the days of Bar Kochba.

"It's a horrendous lie that Jews did not fight," he said.

Greetings at the dinner were brought by Metro Toronto Police Chief David Boothby and former chief Bill McCormack, who joked he was "honored to represent all the retirees of the Metro Toronto Police force."

Colorfully-clad representatives of the Armed Forces' various branches and regiments joined Jewish war veterans from Canada, Britain, the United States and the Soviet Union. A military band played Jewish favorites.



(From left) Metro Toronto police chief David Boothby; Bradford, Ont., police chief John Harrison; Brig.-Gen. Paul Hayes; Sam Pasternack; Maj.-Gen. Bruce Legge; Sam Cahan; and Maj.-Gen. Reginald Lewis. [Ron Csillag photo]

Medals struck for the Jewish War Veterans of Canada were presented to McCormack and to Maj.-Gen. Bruce Legge, Maj.-Gen. Reginald Lewis and Brig.-Gen. Paul Hayes of the Canadian Armed Forces.

In his remarks, Legge praised the Jewish war veterans. During the war, "Jews were wronged and they fought those who were wrong." He called on the veterans "to keep up the fight and right the wrongs."

Also on hand were consular officials from Great Britain, France, the United States and Israel, as well as representatives from the war veterans' Ottawa post.

Toronto post commander Jack Cahan reminded those present that the Jewish War Veterans distributed some $8,500 in food vouchers to the needy during Passover and Easter.

Bergen-Belsen horrors recalled

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Alan Rose was a young tank commander with the British army when his unit entered Bergen-Belsen in 1945.

"Bergen-Belsen is beyond description," the former executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress told the standing room only crowd at this year's Yom Hashoah ceremonies in Ottawa. "Only survivors can really tell you what it was like ... But I had seen war in North Africa, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland. Nothing, nothing could prepare you for the scene at Belsen."

Fifty years later, Rose said, he asks himself what we should have learned from that scene.

"First, is that resistance to tyranny is the absolute core democratic value. If the British government and the French government and the

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From coast to coast

Candidates focus on local concerns in riding

ONTARIO ELECTION '95

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jobs and a balanced budget may be the big issues in the upcoming provincial election, but the three candidates in Toronto's St. George-St. David riding have staked their positions around local concerns like rent control and hate crimes.

St. George-St. David, long considered the most economically and culturally diverse riding in the province, has been represented for the last two years by Liberal MPP Tim Murphy, a former lawyer and chair of his party's hate crimes task force.

He is being challenged by two political newcomers: Conservative candidate and former TTC general manager Al Leach; and NDP candidate Rev. Brent Hawkes, a longtime gay community acitivist.

All three are convinced the 40,000 voters in the riding which encompasses both the Rosedale mansions and the tenements of St. Jamestown and Regent Park, will endorse their parties' widely different approaches to taxes, job creation and government spending in the June 8 election.

Where the candidates find common ground, however, is in their pledge to reduce hate-related crime through better education and changes in the legal process.

"Racism doesn't end just by wishing it would go away," said Rev. Hawkes, 44, the openly gay minister of the interfaith Metropolitan Community Church.

St. George-St. David

The St. George-St. David riding is home to North America's second largest gay and lesbian community, located at Church and Wellesley streets, as well as to many visible minorities. It is also home to Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel. There are no major Jewish centres.

Leach, 58, endorses the Conservative pledge to take a hard line on hatemongers. "I don't know why guys like that [Zundel] are allowed to stay in the country," he grumbled. "We have to get tougher on people who take advantage of our democracy."

Murphy, 35, who studied the issue for 18 months before issuing a report earlier in the year, wants to take action through pressuring the attorney general to prosecute all hate crimes, dedicating crown attorneys and police officers for hate-crimes cases and removing the plea bargaining option in hate-related cases.

But the candidates see eye-to-eye on little else. Rev. Hawkes, a self-described "financial conservative," says that while a balanced budget is a necessity, cutbacks must be made "compassionately."

He believes in better health care for the disadvantaged and in employment equity and gay spousal benefits, and would like to see landlord-tenant disputes resolved through quicker arbitration.

"It's not the protections that are wrong, but the bureaucracy that is slow," he said.

Landlord-tenant issues are a hot topic in the riding, where an estimated 75 per cent of residents live in rental units.

Leach supports the end of rent control in order to attract developers, while at the same time pledging to protect tenants' rights.

Murphy would rather see the rent review system modified with incentives in place for building owners to better maintain their properties. "Everyone wants a safe, clean and affordable place to live," he said.

Al Leach

Rev. Brent Hawkes

Tim Murphy

PREVIOUS ELECTION RESULTS:

By-election April 1, 1993		1990	
Tim Murphy (LIB)	8,750	Ian Scott (LIB)	10,718
Nancy Jackman (PC)	6,518	Carolann Wright (NDP)	10,646
George Lamony (NDP)	1,451	Keith Norton (PC)	6,955
Plurality	2,232	Plurality	72
Voter Turnout	44.4%	Voter Turnout	64.6%

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From coast to coast

Oakwood gears for hot race

ONTARIO ELECTION '95

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The provincial election race in the central Toronto riding of Oakwood could prove to be a hot one.

Candidates from the three major parties say the economy is the No. 1 issue in the riding, but the touchy issue of race appears to be a consideration as well.

Oakwood, which occupies the eastern half of the City of York, is a multicultural neighborhood with substantial Italian, Caribbean, Hispanic, Portuguese and Asian communities. There is also a sizeable Jewish population west of Bathurst and along Eglinton Avenue West.

Both NDP incumbent Tony Rizzo and Progressive Conservative candidate Courtney Doldron are accusing their Liberal opponent Mike Colle of stoking the fires of racism by his stand against last summer's Caribbean community celebrations in the Eglinton Avenue area.

CJN Election Coverage

The CJN will focus its election coverage primarily upon ridings with a significant Jewish population. Each week until the election, two or three ridings will be profiled. Occasionally, we may focus on an individual candidate rather than on a specific riding. A discussion with the leaders of the three major parties will appear in the issue of June 1.

In an interview with *The CJN*, Colle, a former TTC chair and high school teacher, denied race played any part in the controversy.

But Doldron, who faces an uphill battle in the traditionally NDP riding, said he will make race an issue in the campaign. "Mr. Colle used his elected position as Metro councillor to incite racial tension," Doldron asserted.

Doldron, a native of Trinidad, said Colle "portrayed us as beer drinkers and louts who had no regard and would destroy people's property."

Rizzo, a civil engineer, was more muted in his criticism. "There was an ugly incident in the past when the Caribbean community wanted to organize a parade on Eglinton Avenue. It was used as an opportunity by opponents to stir up animosity," he said.

Rizzo, who defeated Liberal Chaviva Hosek in 1990 to reclaim the riding for the NDP, said Colle "stirred up the Italian community to say all sorts of bad things would happen ... It was politically motivated," and designed in part to split him from his Italian constituents.

Colle attempted to deflect the criticism, saying a parade and beer garden were planned without consulting area residents. No one objected to a children's parade but residents and merchants near the proposed beer garden were concerned about noise and parking problems.

"It had nothing to do with racial overtones."

While the candidates split on the festival issue, all agreed that the economy was shaping into the top election concern.

"I've never seen the people so despondent with a sense that things are not getting better," Colle said.

The Liberals promise an efficient, rational approach on finance and administration, he said.

Doldron, a convert who attends Holy Blossom Temple, is stressing the need for a change of government. "We are taxed to death," the school teacher said, adding that part of the Tory platform was to get rid of the health tax on small business and repeal the New Democrat's labor legislation.

Rizzo said his campaign was counting on Oakwood's traditional support for the NDP. "It's a working class riding, so who is the party that best represents their interests and serves them?" he asked rhetorically.

He said he would also rely heavily on his personal record of serving constituents. Area residents are most concerned about employment, he said. "They say, as long as we have a job, we can find a way to pay the taxes."

Rizzo said his No. 1 priority is to push for tax reform to replace property taxes with levies on income. That would help seniors hold onto their houses in low income-earning years. Because of the existing tax burden, higher income taxes would have to be phased in over five to seven years, he said.

PREVIOUS ELECTION RESULTS:

1990		1987	
Tony Rizzo (NDP)	10,423	Chaviva Hosek (LIB)	11,192
Chaviva Hosek (LIB)	8,143	Tony Grande (NDP)	9,861
Claudio Lewis (PC)	1,671	Irene Paparo-Stein (PC)	1,573
Plurality	2,280	Plurality	1,331
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From coast to coast

Hadassah's relief efforts applauded

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Canada's contribution to the New-York based Hadassah International medical relief association was recognized during a five-day conference last week that brought 250 delegates to Montreal.

Hadassah International, founded a decade ago, builds support for the Hadassah Medical Organization in Israel, to which Hadassah Hospital belongs. The organization has a presence in 30 countries.

Conference coordinator Bernice Tannenbaum of New York told *The CJN* the event allowed for a free exchange of ideas and social interaction between the 20 nations represented at the conference.

"You are here to make this congress a marketplace of ideas, to turn the vision into a reality," Tannenbaum told participants at the opening dinner.

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, the organization's representative in Canada for the last four years, hosted the congress, the first ever held in North America.

Funds raised in Canada have been directed towards the purchase of a hi-tech diagnostic machine at Hadassah Hospital. The next Canadian project will support research into the use of discarded umbilical cord tissue in bone-marrow transplantations.

Participating doctors, scientists, academics and volunteers came to the Montreal conference from Argentina, Cuba, Israel, Japan, Morocco, France, Spain and Turkey.

A bank of multilingual translators helped delegates brainstorm on issues like the ethical implications of maintaining medical care in nations with struggling economies.

Membership in Hadassah International is open to men and women, Jews and non-Jews. "Medicine should have no frontiers," Tannebaum said.

Obstacles to peace still seen

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Gulf States may be next on the list of Arab countries to establish diplomatic ties with Israel, the deputy director of Israel's Foreign Ministry said here recently.

But Yossi Gal, addressing the opening of the U.S.-based Hadassah International's ninth annual congress, said the peace process is still strewn with obstacles.

"Israelis feel — and rightly so — that the peace process cannot be supported unless they have personal security," Gal stated.

In the 18 months since the signing of the Declaration of Principles between Israel and the PLO, 81 Israelis have died in terrorist attacks, Gal said.

"You can't ask [PLO chief] Yasser Arafat for 100 per cent prevention, but we do have the right for 100 per cent effort in fighting terrorism."

Other hurdles Gal said needed to be overcome include the poor economic conditions of Palestinians in Gaza and Jericho; a steady rise in Palestinian opposition to the peace process; and Syria insisting on full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights before agreeing to diplomatic relations.

In the first case, Gal said, Israel has to walk a fine line "between providing security for Israelis or the means to allow Palestinians to feed their families."

The unemployment rate in Gaza normally stands at 50 per cent. That number rises to 90 per cent when terrorist acts launched from Gaza force Israel to close its borders to Palestinians who work there, he said.

Despite these problems, Gal emphasized that a "substantial nucleus of Palestinians" are willing to compromise with Israel in the realization that there's no going back.

"Talks with Palestinians are at their highest point ever," Gal said. "We are meeting every two weeks, and that's a good sign."

He continued by emphasizing the progress made so far. Palestinians are now in charge of tourism, education, health and social services, and taxation in the territories; and Jordan was moved to sign its peace treaty with Israel, he said.

Zundel's 'bunker' torched

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Arson is suspected in a fire that consumed the west half of Holocaust-denier's Ernst Zundel's Carlton Street "bunker" and spread to an apartment building next door.

The fire took place in the early morning hours of May 7, coinciding with VE-Day celebrations. No one was injured in the blaze.

According to workers atop Zundel's house, who were shouting down to Heritage Front leader Wolfgang Droege, who had come to inspect the damage, much of the building's roof was destroyed.

Zundel was in British Columbia at the time of the fire, though his associate, Jerry Neumann, who often accompanied Zundel to court during his two "false news" trials, was in the house. Neumann retrieved a videotape from everpresent surveillance cameras that are perched atop the house that reportedly showed a man pouring a liquid around the front porch.

Some of Zundel opponents from the neighboring Cabbagetown area applauded the arson, though spokespersons for Canadian Jewish Congress took a different view. "We categorically condemn the use of violence," said Gerda Frieberg, chair of Congress' Ontario region. "Zundel is a known hatemonger but if we have grievances we go through the courts."

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(From left) Ontario Tory leader Mike Harris, Liberal leader Lyn McLeod, Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba, Federal Treasury Board president Art Eggleton, Premier Bob Rae and Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman listen as Gerda Frieberg addresses the community's Yom Hashoah service at Queen's Park. [Ron Csillag photo]

Political leaders take part in liberation ceremonies

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The leaders of Ontario's three main political parties suspended campaigning on April 30 long enough to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the Nazi reign and the liberation of the death camps.

Premier Bob Rae, Tory leader Mike Harris and Liberal chief Lyn McLeod joined Ontario Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman and over 3,000 war veterans and members of the Jewish community on the steps of the provincial legislature for the community commemoration.

The program was sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Ontario region and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

In an emotional address, Rae quoted a passage from the diary of Anne Frank, in which the teenager rues that despite everything that has happened to her, she still believes people are good at heart.

Rae called for racial, ethnic and religious tolerance by all groups. "We are here to reaffirm our commitment to tolerance and diversity."

All three political leaders described trips they have made to Israel. Harris recalled Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, while McLeod added that for her, visiting the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam personalized the Holocaust's impact.

The lessons of the Holocaust, said Jackman, "are not just for Jews. They are for all mankind."

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The gathering also heard from Ontario Citizenship Minister Elaine Ziemba and federal Treasury Board president Art Eggleton, who announced he will visit Israel again in June.

Walter Kersley, who was a young Canadian serviceman during the war, said the "greatest obscenity" he experienced in the conflict was seeing Westerbork, the transit and labor camp in Nazi-occupied Holland that was liberated with help from Canadian troops.

He recalled seeing implements of torture and razors used for shaving corpses. "As long as I'm alive, I'll remember what was done there," Kersley said.

Gerda Frieberg, chair of CJC's Ontario region, recounted her ordeal as an inmate of a concentration camp in Czechoslovakia.

While shovelling mud one day, Frieberg recalled how an airplane dropped leaflets urging the inmates to hang on and not give up.

"That gave us hope, the most precious thing there is," she said.

Sam Pasternack, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, said it makes him "livid" to hear that Jews did not serve in the Allied cause. More than 1.5 million Jews from many countries, including Palestine, served in Allied armies, he pointed out.

Many of those present then walked to Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto for a Holocaust commemoration service.

Greetings were brought by Leslie Klein, chair of the continuity committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, and Israeli Consul General Dror Zeigerman.

Keynote speaker Frieberg tearfully recalled how the Nazis had threatened to blow up the camp where she was imprisoned, only to abandon it days later.

Dramatic readings in Yiddish, English and Hebrew were given by Allen Farkas, Kate Minsky, Michael Anklewicz and Sharon Eshet, while songs and music came from the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and the Habonim Youth Ensemble.

Oklahoma bombing possible in Canada: Scheinberg

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Canada's tradition of political dialogue might not be enough to prevent extremists from committing a mass murder comparable to the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, a parliamentary committee was told last week.

Representing B'nai Brith Canada before the House of Commons foreign affairs committee, Stephen Scheinberg, a Concordia University professor, said although he didn't intend to be alarmist, he believes Canadian extremists could be influenced by their U.S. counterparts.

"Canadian civility is an important barrier against extremism but unfortunately it may not suffice. Our contacts and close ties to the United States and its culture are so immense that Canada cannot be fully insulated from American extremism," he said.

Scheinberg was a co-author of a report, *The Extreme Right: International Peace and Security at Risk*, which he and fellow authors David Matas and Aurel Braun presented to the Commons committee.

The 400-page report details trends in anti-Semitism, racism and right-wing violence in Britain, Europe and North America. It notes that extremist views are being legitimized by right wing political parties in France, Italy, Austria and Belgium. In Eastern Europe, fragile democracies risk relapsing into extremism.

The report also says that while membership in extreme-right groups is relatively low, the groups have influenced the debate about refugee and immigration policy, abortion and gay rights.

In North America, the extreme right is mainstreaming, said Scheinberg.

He also warned that extremists from the United States can attach themselves to lobby groups. "Extremists can also be opportunists, and may move into single-issue causes, using them as recruitment vehicles. The militias in the U.S. capitalize on the vehement rejection of gun control by many Americans and carry that issue into something verging on armed rebellion."

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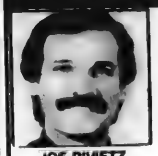

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The CJC Plenary

This weekend in Montreal more than 1,000 delegates will be gathering for the 24th National Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress. For the organizers, delegates, observers, guests and spokespersons gathering from all parts of this country and other parts of the globe, many old friendships will undoubtedly be renewed, and many new ones undoubtedly struck.

The plenary is an occasion of intellectual, social, emotional, personal and occasionally even religious 'stretching.' One cannot participate passively. The weekend is simply too demanding and the agenda simply too jam-packed with important issues.

For more than 48 hours, in conference rooms, hotel rooms, restaurants, sidewalks, boulevards and cafes, discussion of communal priorities is ubiquitous. Persuasion is the chief objective of discourse; debate its key method. Vital decisions cannot be avoided.

This year delegates will be electing four of the top six executive positions of Congress, including most notably, the position of national president. They must also elect the secretary, the treasurer and the associate chair. And as was reported in *The CJN* last week, delegates will be asked to examine the very structure and mandate of Congress.

But even as delegates consider updating or revising Congress' mandate, its essence will be always anchored in helping to protect and ensure, as far as human beings are capable, a secure, vibrant, self-sustaining and self-perpetuating Jewish future.

Congress was founded in 1919 to centralize political action on behalf of East European Jewry and to establish the Jewish Immigrant Aid Society. It was not until the mid-1930s however, in response to the awful burdens that developed with the rise of Nazism, that it became a widely-based, centralized force for leadership and community mobilization in Canada.

Every three years the Congress leadership seeks its renewal in its democratic process, its regional, organizational and demographic representativeness, its broad, unifying acceptance among Canadian Jews as the mainstream advocate on matters affecting the rights and well-being of Canadian Jewry.

The theme of the plenary is "Beyond History: Building for a Stronger Future." In a certain sense, this is, indeed must be, Congress' perennial plenary theme. This has also been the theme and the obligation of Jewish existence throughout the generations wherever Jews have settled and organized themselves into a community, measuring communal success not by the extent of what we have inherited from our parents but rather by what we pass on to our children.

Campus life

In an interview which appears in the *Viewpoints* distributed in this issue of *The CJN*, outgoing Congress president Irving Abella states the major problem facing Canadian Jewry today in its struggle with assimilation "is in our universities."

With the authority and the insight inspired by his historian's ability to see the longer sweep of events, Abella says:

"Universities are a great wasteland for Canadian Jewry; it is here that we are losing our kids. We're not doing enough for them; we're not supplying them with expertise or funding. Most of them are leaving home for the first time when they enter university; they are then most susceptible to a variety of influences, and we don't provide them with much support."

Abella's words are more than a cause for concern; they are a call to action.

Since the university campus is the field upon which many of our children attempt to plant solid and secure identities for themselves, it is imperative the climate for Jewish life on campus be hospitable to their efforts and experiments. Abella's observations must be examined.

Thus, in this issue of the *The CJN* we have invited three students — Ilan Gewurz at McGill University, Lori Binder at the University of Manitoba, and Steve Mock at the University of Toronto — to give their views of the state of Jewish life on their respective campuses. In addition, we have published an article by Janice Rotman, planning associate with the Council of Jewish Federations of Canada, of the federations' future plans for improving and enhancing the quality of Jewish life on campus for our children.

This is a vital issue. *The CJN* will return to it periodically.

Dry Bones

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History will clear Pollard's name

Millions throughout the world have been protesting Jonathan Pollard's discriminatory prison sentence and have been praying for his release.

According to Jewish tradition, saving a life is like saving an entire world. For thwarting Sadaam Hussein's military plot to create a second Holocaust, the U.S. judicial system branded him a spy. We trust the day will come when truth will prevail, and then he will be clearly recognized as a world renowned humanitarian, and a 20th century Maccabee.

Alex Bellan
Toronto

In search of Vatnick family

I'm looking for members of the Vatnick family who emigrated from (Pischonke) Russia to Toronto between 1910 and 1922. Velvel, Ratz and Ruchel Vatnick were members of my father's family.

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Poles apart

The free world is caught up in the celebration of its victory over the darkest forces of evil in world history 50 years ago.

While the world celebrates, we, the Jewish community, have little to celebrate. Should we be happy because the killing stopped? There are six million reasons why we cannot be happy the killing stopped.

It would have been worse had the killing continued, but that is no reason to celebrate. That is reason to be grateful and appreciative, as indeed we are and must be, to the Allied forces in general, and to the heroic people who risked their lives to win the war, to end the mass and massive murder.

I have just returned from the March of the Living and the silent trek from Auschwitz to Birkenau.

The day before I was at Majdanek. The day before that I was at the Jewish cemetery in Warsaw, which is the final resting place of 250,000 Jews, and which also contains a mass grave for thousands of victims of Nazi cruelty in the Warsaw Ghetto.

Quite likely my grandfather, who had gone to Warsaw to gain the approbation of leading Torah giants for a book he was publishing, the famous treatise on repentance by Meiri, and who never returned, is buried in that mass grave. But I will never really know.

What is it like to go to Poland? How can one not go to Poland, to see the cradle of Ashkenazi Jewry and the giants of our tradition there interred, including Rabbi Moshe Isserles (Ramo), Reb Hayyim of Brisk, Rabbi Naftali Zvi Yehudah Berlin (Netziv).

On the other hand, how can one go to Poland, to the country so steeped in anti-Semitism that it eagerly cooperated with the Nazis in the cold-blooded murder of Jews?

Poland is where so much of our heritage is buried. Poland is the place where our history is held hostage.

There are many people who are doing magnificent things in Poland. The Ronald Lauder Foundation is literally resurrecting Jewry.

A young rabbi, Rabbi Schudrich, with the help of others, runs a Jewish primary school, Jewish community youth clubs, summer and winter retreats, educational centres, Shabbat and seder experiences, and the list goes on.

It is a task that few would dare to undertake, one which is fraught with great difficulty and overwhelming challenge. But someone has to do it and thankfully is doing it.

In the process, Poles who just now are realizing their Jewish roots are trickling in. Poland has the reverse of the North American assimilation problem. The postwar generation has already assimilated. What is left of Jewry in Poland, about 5,000 strong, is mainly quite advanced in years.

But young Poles are learning from whence they came and are striving to embrace Judaism.

Still, if I had my druthers, I would take the rich history that is buried in Poland and bring it to Israel. If I could, I would re-inter the 250,000 Jews in the Warsaw cemetery in a specially constructed new cemetery in Israel.

That is a wild dream, but would it not be the most respectful resting place for these architects of our Jewishness?

And I would love to bring that gigantic urn with Jewish ashes at Majdanek to be buried in Israel. Would that not be the most appropriate and honored burial, to inter our holy martyrs in the sacred soil of Israel?

The killing fields should stay where they are, but the victims belong with the only country and people that would have saved them.

Ever since my return, people have been asking me a terribly complex question — would I urge people to go to Poland, to Majdanek, to Auschwitz, to Birkenau, to Treblinka?

I do not think I could actually urge people to go. But I would insist that if they do go, they should go from there immediately to Israel.

No matter how much anyone thinks they appreciate Israel, that appreciation undergoes a dramatic intensification when coming to Israel from Poland, when going literally from death to life, from the moral abyss to the spiritual epicentre.

Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka
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Perspectives

Young Jewish voices on Canadian campuses

There is a new buzz-word that has circulated worldwide among Jewish Diaspora community leaders. It seems as if no Jewish community gathering is held today without mentioning the word continuity. Faced with unprecedented rates of assimilation and intermarriage, every Jewish adult organization is struggling to educate and reach out to the youth. The real challenge of our people is to strengthen Jewish identity and convince the next generation that our heritage is relevant in the context of today's realities. Thus, there is no more important place to emphasize the continuity message than on university campuses.

By Ilan Gewurz

University is a critical time in an individual's life. It is a time of tremendous growth, expansion and broadening of ideas, a stage of self-evaluation, during which we reflect upon our very identity and often experiment with new ones. This period, during which values are cemented, is the critical time for the fermentation of the future of Diaspora Jewry. The role of Jewish organizations on campus is, therefore, critical.

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How is Jewish identity characterized today on campus? The "Jewish experience" can relate to religious, cultural, ethnic and nationalistic aspects that represent a wide spectrum of attitudes and beliefs. Until recently, Jewish identity on the McGill campus has almost exclusively played a responsive role, focusing mainly on the political sphere. The image of Israel presented by the media during the intifadah left many students wanting to protect Jewish identity on campus and defend their own affiliation with Israel. This solely reactive nature of Jewish identity led many Jewish students who did not agree with the issues, as well as those who were not politically active, to shy away from identifying with their Jewishness.

Furthermore, with the start of the Middle East peace process and Israel's somewhat improved image in the international media, the Jewish issues that students face have become more absolute. As a result, even the defensive and reponsive nature of Jewish identity which once characterized McGill's Jewish students has been silenced. It would seem that the students have been left without a mobilizing force to help reinforce their Jewish identities.

The reality is, however, that the very concept of Jewish identity on McGill campus is in a process of transition, which presents us with a unique opportunity that should not be passed up. The way in which Jewish identity on campus expresses itself is being redefined so that causes other than war and tragedy can give rise to identification. Charlotte Kaiser, president of McGill Hillel, has said that the organization is looking to reach out to broaden its scope next year. It is planning to set up a new committee of representatives from the different campuses in Montreal, in order to get Jewish students more involved.

Yet, if efforts to engage a broader range of Jewish students are to be successful, the expression of Jewish identity must be multifaceted. Jewish students on campus have diverse needs and interests and the Jewish community should seek to provide ways of expressing that diversity. Areas such as social action, culture, the arts, athletics and special interests can be used to express one's Jewishness.

The McGill Jewish community stands at a crossroad, and only if we can introduce the appropriate tools, those that will enhance the Jewishness of students, will Jewish identity on campus emerge strengthened. Jewishness on campus is political, social, cultural and nationalistic. It is only by responding to that diversity with new and innovative ideas, that the struggle for continuity is assured victory.

Ilan Gewurz is a third year honors student of political science at McGill University. He is managing editor of the Montreal-based student publication Dateline Middle East *and is currently working at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy in Washington D.C.*

Term papers, exams and final marks, are only a few elements of the end of the university year — a year which for most students was filled with stress, anxiety and hard work. Going to university is more than a full-time job, making it hard to concentrate on anything else but the latest courses. This is why many students may forget about their Judaism, or may not have time to be involved in Jewish activities during their university career. For the above reasons, university students have been a target group for the community in the battle for Jewish continuity.

By Lori Binder

During university, most students begin to contemplate their future, deciding such things as a future career and goals in life. Students begin to answer the questions of who they are and what they will become. It is crucial that Judaism play a part in this contemplation of the future. It is said that in order to learn anything in life, it is important to learn about who we are first. Judaism should play a part in answering that question. Learning about ourselves means thinking about where we came from, who we are now and where we are going.

Dry Bones

THE PROBLEM OF HOW TO ENSURE JEWISH CONTINUITY
HAS BEEN PASSED ON FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION.
AND, LIKE THE NATIONAL DEBT, MY CHILDREN,
ONE DAY IT'LL BE ALL YOURS!

When approaching university, we cannot stop learning or thinking about our Judaism. Though busy with courses in psychology, biology or economics, we should give a little time to learning about Judaism. Students presently in university will have to pass on their Judaism to future generations.

This does not mean knowing the Talmud backwards and forwards, but rather learning about our Jewish identity so that it can be strengthened. This can be done as easily as by getting involved in a local Jewish student group in the community or on campus. It is there that Jewish students have a chance to interact and learn about each other and, most importantly, it is an opportunity to learn more about Judaism. It is the role of the community at large to be a part of this.

Students may tell you they don't have time to do anything else but course work. With the right community initiative, this need not be the case.

Jewish student groups need to reach further and wider so that we can begin to reach those students who have not had a chance to be involved in anything Jewish. We need to let students know that there are Jewish resources on campus and in the community, thus reaching above and beyond the core group. The greater the number of students who are active in Jewish life on campus, the stronger the community we will be creating for the future.

As the school year comes to an end, I think of the many students who have become active in Jewish student and communal activities here in Winnipeg. They have begun to take part in their future. Over the past few years I have seen many students attend national Jewish student programs in other cities and return home as leaders. These students then help get other students involved, increasing the core group. This situation is not unique to Winnipeg; it is happening on many other campuses in Canada. As we look forward to the year ahead, we must focus on involving many more students for the years to come. We must ensure that there is a strong community for our present and future generations.

Lori Binder is entering her fourth year of education at the University of Manitoba. She is the Western regional chair for Jewish Students Network Canada, and a member of the Jewish Students' Association executive.

Some student activist once coined the expression, "the campus is a microcosm of society," which contains a kernel of truth. Student life tends to reflect, and often magnify, the trends apparent in the larger community. Lately, Jewish student life has served that purpose all too well.

By Steve Mock

The Jewish community is in a state of flux, as old programs and services are no longer needed. The process of change has affected students, as we find our sources of funding shifting, or in some cases, drying up entirely.

Students have very little disposable income to fill the void. It is easy for active students to blame loss of funding for the decline of their organizations, but this is a simplistic approach. Student organizations have also failed to adjust to changes in the needs of Jewish students — changes that parallel those within the wider community.

While the Jewish community has been unmatched in its ability to mobilize students for an important cause such as support for Israel, lobbying for Soviet Jews or demonstrating against anti-Semitism, in the area of Jewish student activism, change has been felt most acutely — peace, freedom and acceptance have sabotaged the student community's efforts to organize.

I oversimplify. Israel still requires our support in myriad ways, Jews and non-Jews around the world still need political help, and Holocaust denial and left-wing anti-Semitism are slowly creeping into the realm of respectability. Nowhere are these issues more evident than on university campuses. Nonetheless, Jewish students have found themselves without a unifying war cry.

Many student organizations have taken the lead from the community and jumped on the continuity bandwagon. Nonetheless, funding for students has continued to vanish, much to the frustration of the few remaining active students. How can a community so concerned with continuity pull funding from youth and student organizations?

Two facts are being ignored by these students. First of all, students will not join a club whose only purpose is to get more people to join the club. Undue stress on continuity as an issue turns Judaism into just such a club. More significant is the fact that the community will be unlikely to fund student groups that do not produce anything tangible in return.

Religious voices in the community would suggest that the response should be to develop a more constructive rather than reactive Judaism. Indeed, they are right. A Judaism that depends on continual crises for identity to be maintained is highly unstable, and no organization based on such an approach can remain relevant for long. However, the future of Judaism in Canada does not depend on how many dorm-rooms are kept kosher, any more than it depends on how many bodies can be brought together for a rally. The future depends on making a Jewish identity something that no student could have a reason to give up.

Students go to university to expand their experiences and meet new people different from themselves. While this does not require severing ties to one's old identity group, neither does it require maintaining them. For this reason, even students who were active in Jewish youth groups find themselves entirely uninvolved in university. Waving the banner of continuity in their faces can only exacerbate the problem. These students must be given a reason to associate with Jewish organizations, or Jewish organizations do not deserve them.

Jewish student organizations no longer have unifying political issues to rally around. Rather, students have to seek out the issues that are most important to them as individuals and take the initiative to become active. If the Jewish community wants these students to develop an interest in Jewish issues, community organizations must seek student volunteers and employees more actively. If Jewish student groups want to remain relevant, they must work to connect students to the community activities most suited to them. They can serve as resources, helping Jewish students apply the skills they have learned and the values with which they were raised to the community in which they live.

Only then will the Jewish community see that Jewish student life has not vanished — that there is, in fact, a constituency of bright and dedicated Jewish young adults who still need support if Jewish continuity is to be a reality. It is only then that the funding necessary to maintain Jewish student organizations will be forthcoming.

Steve Mock is a fourth year U of T student and the editor of the Jewish students' newspaper, IMAGES.

Opinions

Remembering VE-Day

During these last weeks and months we have all had a chance to think about the events 50 years ago. Over and over I have been asked to speak about them, which has given me ample opportunity to think just what mattered most to me.

By Rabbi Carmiel Plaut

Do I think above all of the thousands of dead or was it the barely alive skeletons that crawled towards us when we entered the camp at Dora? These images flash before my eyes from time to time; they are brought up and then repressed. But what remains is a theology that was developed out of the experience.

No one who was ever there — either as an inmate or as a liberator — could avoid a confrontation with his or her traditional faith. Was this all willed by God, and were human beings merely automatons in the Divine hand? Or did God have nothing to do with any of this? Many books have been written about this difficult subject and I suspect none of them can ever give an answer that will be truly satisfying. For when we are faced with the unimaginable, all rational thought comes up against a barrier that cannot be breached.

After all, whenever we speak of God we are speaking of Mystery. Torah and tradition, philosophers and theologians have given us clues as to the nature of the Divine mind, but in the end, as the Torah says, we cannot "see God and live." Ultimately, what is required is an act of faith, no less and no more. Either one believes that all the world is an accident, a random development of patterns, cells and natural selection, or one believes that guiding it all is a plan beyond human imagination, a plan willed and executed by the One we call God.

Rational thought comes up against a barrier

But what does this have to do with the Holocaust? What did this have to do with the dead that were lying there and the pitiful survivors we saw?

Over the months and years, I have often thought about this and — at the expense of simplifying a very complicated subject — I will put it this way:

I continue to believe that God is the source upon Whom I call, who strengthens me and gives me hope. I also believe that this God has given me (and to all human beings) freedom of will — something that arises out of the act of creating the human species. The tale of Adam and Eve tells it all: the moment they were created they were given the opportunity to obey or defy the Divine will. That freedom — used or misused — has been the ground of human existence. From the Roman crucifictions to the Nazis and the disaster in Oklahoma City, this freedom has been forever misused. I believe that Divine power would not have changed the will of Hitler, but that same Power was always present to be chosen as guide and inspiration for such change.

Some have called this concept an act of Divine withdrawal from the world. I will not weigh you down with this kind of philosophic language. I believe the Nazis cut themselves free from Divine restraints and therefore, what I saw at Dora was not God's work but theirs.

To me God is the constant Presence, the Opportunity, the Challenge to do the right thing. I pray not to change God's mind but to make myself ready to do what I understand to be my task.

In Dora, I renewed my unshakable loyalty to my people and I prayed to God to give me understanding. I will never have the fullness of it, but I always remember Isaiah's observation: "Seek the Eternal — and in the seeking you will find."

An economic revolution

Israel's Independence Day, Yom Ha'atzmaut, is traditionally a day of celebration and reflection. In some ways, one might argue, things are not much different than they were 20 years ago . . . Hussein is still the king of Jordan, Yasser Arafat is still chairman of the PLO, and Hafez al-Assad still rules in Syria. But the reality of Israel is that very little in 1995 resembles the situation in 1975. Three areas deserve particular attention: the country's population, its international standing and its economic growth.

By Shira Herzog

In 1975, Israel's population was 3.5 million. In 1995, it is 5.6 million — more than that of Denmark or Norway. Between 1975 and 1995, Israel absorbed one million immigrants, mostly from the former Soviet Union. These "new Israelis" are just beginning to come into their own as an influential community. Their full potential in economic and social terms has yet to be expressed.

In 1975, a rock-bottom year in Israel's international relations, 75 member nations of the United Nations voted for the infamous "Zionism is Racism" resolution. Last year, that resolution was repealed. Of the 75 countries that voted for it, 65 have already established full diplomatic relations with Israel, while an additional five have established lower-level ties. In total, Israel currently has diplomatic relations with 154 countries, while the increase in its international trade over the last year has come mainly from Muslim and Asian nations.

The most important development in this regard relates to the defence budget. In 1975, 33 per cent of Israel's gross domestic product (GDP) was dedicated to national defence. In 1995, that percentage has dropped to nine per cent. In 1975, the GDP stood at $12 billion — half of the combined GDP of Egypt, Syria, and Jordan, all of whom were in a state of war with Israel. In 1995, Israel's GDP stands at $85 billion — 50 per cent bigger than the combined GDP of those same countries. In the meantime, Egypt and Jordan have signed peace treaties with Israel, while Syria has moved towards the difficult route of negotiations as well.

Increase in trade mainly from Muslim, Asian nations

In a recent report, the U.S.-based investment banking house, Lehman Brothers wrote: "Often classified as an emerging market, in many ways the Israeli market has already emerged." Lehman Brothers was referring to the unusual combination of high economic growth indicators and a stable economic infrastructure that Israel offers potential investors. However, the "emergence" of the Israeli market in the eyes of many foreign investors is rooted in fundamental, socio-economic changes that have been described by some economic analysts as a veritable revolution.

Israel's economic growth story has been told many ways over the last several years, as international investment banks have recommended its inclusion in international investment portfolios. The statistics speak for themselves: In 1975, Israel exported $1.8 billion worth of goods. In 1995, it will export $18 billion worth. In fields such as telecommunications, electronics and software, Israel is a significant international player. Government spending on research and development on a per-capita basis is higher than in any of the G-7 countries.

These figures mask a huge shift in lifestyle for Israelis, especially for the burgeoning middle-class. In 1975, only one-third of Israeli families owned a car. Today, 75 per cent of Israeli households own a car. In 1975, 280,000 Israelis, or eight per cent of the population, travelled abroad. In 1995, two million Israelis, or 36 per cent of the population, will travel abroad. From one, government-owned television channel in 1975, Israelis now have a choice of 40 cable channels.

The economic and political facts have yet to be translated into a new form of national self-awareness. Israeli social observers bemoan the growing materialism of their community, but they have not yet fully understood the enormous social impact of these seminal changes. The founding generation of Israelis transformed sand dunes into urban settlement and created the basic ingredients for security. The second generation of Israelis created a thriving, progressive western economy, and brought shopping malls and hi-tech to the suburbs. The third generation of Israelis, who are maturing into adulthood as Israel celebrates its 47th anniversary, will have the challenge of creating new values, new norms, and perhaps even new symbols that will reflect their changed environment.

Good OLD Mom

Once upon a time, I was the youngest. The youngest essay contest winner. The youngest girl to get contact lenses. The youngest police reporter.

By Erica Meyer Ranzin

Alas, I'm not the youngest anymore.

Then, for a pretty long stretch, I was right in the middle: the same age as my neighbors and friends. I was 30-something from 27 well into my 40s. I was right in the middle age — literally and comparatively — among moms at my two daughters' school events.

But today, alas, I went to a party held by my son's pre-kindergarten class and I made a terrible discovery. In a room full of parents with 5-year-old offspring, I'm the oldest mom. (I would not, however, be the oldest dad.)

The oldest mommy. The senior. The mature one. The one closest to having a double chin. The one who really wants to sit down while everyone is dancing. The one who gets the heartburn from food cooked by a gang of 5 year olds who think kosher rules allow freshly cooked dishes to contain a certain percentage of sand, tempra paint, and lollypop sticks.

I was wearing a denim skirt that was probably older than any other female in the room. Skirt? I have lipstick older than some of these women.

This is true, in part, because many of the children in my son's class are their mothers' first child, while my little guy is my baby. Lots of the other mothers were holding infants as they watched their 5 year olds perform.

Still, these ladies are lithe, limber and lean while I am, well, not.

They have utility vehicles painted sporty colors; I have a van.

They have careers, or at least careers on hold. Mine hung up and went home.

They know Elvis Costello; I know Elvis. They remember *Wings* with nostalgia; I remember the Beatles on *Ed Sullivan*. They know how to program the VCR; I know that *I Love Lucy* is supposed to be in black and white.

I have been to the mirror and accepted the wrinkles around my eyes. I no longer party hearty till dawn, not unless I can sleep deep until noon.

Understand, I'm not really complaining here. I feel my age, but I don't dislike it. I earned it.

There are some benefits. I am old enough to appreciate, deeply, daily, having a healthy, happy little boy. I am old enough to take a nap when I need one (or when he does). I have been a mother long enough not to panic at every nosebleed or childhood defeat. A certain sense of perspective comes with age and experience, and I welcome it.

Our children are older as a group, also. The three of them are finally reaching an age span when we can plan big family trips, just as my husband and I are finally reaching the age when we have the vacation time to take them.

Finally, it dawns on me that when my kindergarten kid is bar mitzvah, these women will still have maternity clothes in their closets, tricycles in their hallways, and frogs in their washing machines. When my guy's driving himself to high school, they'll still be in the carpool line at the elementary. They look great now, but just catch them in a few years. With any luck at all, you won't be able to catch me.

Features

A clash of civilizations?

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Within 24 hours of the devastating terrorist car bombing of a U.S. federal building in Oklahoma City last month, the media pounced on the notion that Islamic fundamentalists may have been at fault.

As it turned out, these allegations were unfounded. But the fact that they were raised underscores the prevailing skittishness about Islamic fundamentalism in the United States and elsewhere.

The nervousness is linked to a strong perception, grounded in previous events, that Islamic fundamentalism poses a threat to American interests, both at home and abroad.

The 1979 hostage crisis at the U.S. Embassy in Iran, the 1983 truck bombing of the American embassy in Beirut, the 1988 destruction of a Pan-American airliner over Scotland, and the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in Manhattan were all the work of Muslim extremists.

Israel has reason to be wary and vigilant, too.

Since September 1993, when Israel and the PLO signed the Declaration of Principles officially ending their state of war, 65 civilians and soldiers have been killed in a series of suicide bombings perpetrated by Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

And in southern Lebanon, the Israeli army is embroiled in a deadly struggle with Hezbollah, whose chief objective is nothing less than the transformation of Lebanon into an Islamic state.

The forces of Islamic fundamentalism are also on the ascendancy in several key Arab/Muslim countries:

•Algeria is torn by a savage civil war where the death toll approaches 40,000. If Algeria falls, will Morocco and Tunisia be next?

•Egypt — the first Arab nation to sign a peace treaty with Israel — is convulsed by an Islamic rebellion, not its first but arguably its most serious in modern times. If the fundamentalists succeed in ousting President Hosni Mubarak's government, they will doubtless break diplomatic relations with Israel and trigger a crisis of enormous proportions.

•Turkey — the first Muslim country to disestablish Islam, a model of secularism and a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) — is beset by a rising tide of Islamic fundamentalism. In recent local elections, Islamic candidates wrested control of Istanbul, Ankara and other municipalities.

These developments have not gone unnoticed in Europe. Recently, the secretary-general of NATO, Willy Claes, claimed that Islamic fundamentalism is as much a threat to the West as communism once was.

Claes may have been exaggerating. But the looming confrontation between the West and Islamic fundamentalism looks more and more like a "clash of civilizations," as political theorist Samuel Huntington has suggested.

Essentially, Islamic extremism is an outgrowth of a Muslim revival that has swept through the Middle East, Asia, Africa and even Europe (Bosnia) since the 1980s.

The resurgence is most evident in Iran, where an Islamic revolution occurred in 1979, driving out the pro-Western Pahlavi monarchy. Since then, Iran has become a theocratic state (ruled by a council of mullahs), a patron of Islamic militants from Sudan to Indonesia (the most populous Muslim nation), and an example to emulate.

Sudan — the largest country in Africa — has followed in Iran's path. In June 1989, a military coup brought Gen. Omar Bashir to power, and he and his eminence grise, Hassan Turabi, have transformed Sudan into a full-fledged Islamic state.

The Islamic revival in the Muslim world is characterized by increased attention to religious observance (mosque attendance, prayer and fasting) and more emphasis on Islamic dress and values.

As John Esposito has noted, the recurrent themes of this movement are (1) a sense that the existing political, economic and social systems have failed; (2) a disenchantment with, or rejection of, the West; and a (3) conviction that Islam provides an all-encompassing ideology for state and society and a viable alternative to nationalism, socialism and capitalism.

At the heart of the Islamic revival is a fervent belief that the Muslim world suffers from weakness, caused by its departure from the straight path of Islam.

As Hrair Dekmejian points out, Muslim revivalism usually emerges during periods of great turmoil. Two examples will suffice: the precipitous decline of the Ottoman Empire in the 19th century and the humiliating defeat of the Arabs by Israel in the 1967 Six Day War.

Islamic radicals hold that Islam and the West are locked in an intractable battle, sharpened over the centuries by the Crusades, European colonialism and the rise of Zionism.

Antipathy to Israel is the common thread which binds Islamic fundamentalists, whether expressed by the president of Iran or the leaders of Hamas.

Casting a wide net, Islamic fundamentalism is most pronounced among the lesser educated, the unemployed, the peasantry and the new class of urban workers facing housing shortages and a scarcity of social services.

Whether in the Gaza Strip, Cairo or Istanbul, Islamic fundamentalism thrives on poverty and underdevelopment, both of which distort Muslim societies.

Scholars who've studied the phenomenon say that its appeal is multifaceted.

Islamic fundamentalism bestows a new identity on persons who've lost their spiritual bearings; defines society and its problems in unambiguous terms; provides an emotional outlet against the established order, which is perceived as venal and corrupt; and promises a better life in a future Islamic utopia, on earth if not in heaven.

Yet its allure is not merely on the rhetorical level. Invariably, Islamic movements win popularity by offering free social, medical and educational services, thereby filling a void left by widely detested governments.

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Today, Islamic fundamentalism is making headway in Algeria, Egypt, Turkey and Lebanon.

Law and order have drastically deteriorated in Algeria — a former French colony — since the Islamic Salvation Front (ISF) was robbed of certain victory in a general election. After the ISF won the first round in 1991, the secular government panicked, cancelling the second round slated for 1992. Enraged, the ISF and its allies struck back.

For the past three years, radical Islamic factions, some of whose fighters were trained in Afghanistan during the war against the Soviet Union, have waged a bloody campaign of retribution. They have murdered a state president, as well as civil servants, members of the security apparatus and judiciary, intellectuals, journalists, unveiled women and foreigners. French and Arab mediation efforts have failed.

Sectarian warfare rages in Egypt, where the biggest opposition party, the Muslim Brotherhood, is outlawed. Islamic gunmen, who killed Anwar Sadat in 1981, have targeted government officials, cabinet ministers and intellectuals. Not even Nobel Prize laureate Naguib Mahfouz is immune to the spiralling violence. An attempt was made on his life in 1994.

Accompanied by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister Tancu Ciller of Turkey reviews an Israeli honor guard in Jerusalem.

Egypt has launched a concerted offensive against the rebels, particularly in Upper Egypt, and military courts have sentenced to death 62 Islamic radicals. But widespread disillusionment with the Mubarak regime, reflected in Egypt's appalling poverty and freewheeling corruption, have worked to the fundamentalists' advantage.

In Turkey, governed by Prime Minister Tancu Ciller, the upsurge of Islamic fervor is a function of a worsening economy and a profusion of scandals. In the last municipal elections, the Welfare party swept to victory in more than 400 races.

Led by Necmettin Erbakan, a politician who has attacked Jews and Israel, the Welfare party offers a nostalgic vision of a "Just Order." Should Erbakan defeat Ciller (who, in 1994, was the first Turkish leader to visit Israel), he may well try to repeal the historic secular reforms implemented by Kemal Ataturk in the 1920s, thus setting Turkey on a radically different course.

In Lebanon, which is still recovering from a long civil war, Hezbollah (Party of God) is active on two fronts. On the battlefield, Hezbollah fights Israel and its surrogate, the South Lebanon Army. In the political arena, Hezbollah has won seats in parliament.

Clearly, Hezbollah is a force to be reckoned with, especially in a country still emerging from the nightmare of fratricidal conflict.

Jewish World
By Sheldon Kirshner

The Holocaust in print

Fifty years have elapsed since the end of World War II. Here, in capsule form, are reviews of books about the Holocaust and the war.

The Anatomy of the Nuremberg Trials (Random House, $45 hardback and $22.95 US in paperback) is a masterful account of that event by Telford Taylor. He sets the scene, analyzes the proceedings and describes the protagonists.

In *The Text of the Holocaust* (Micah Publications, $10), C.C. Aronsfeld argues that Hitler always intended to exterminate the Jews of Europe. He develops this thesis by exposing Nazi propaganda from 1919 to 1945.

Richard Bolchover, in *British Jewry and the Holocaust* (Cambridge University Press, $44.95), examines the reactions of that community to the Holocaust. A comprehensive though succinct work.

Few Jewish children survived the Holocaust. In *The Hidden Children* (Thomas Allen, $24.95), Howard Greenfeld skillfully tells the story of 13 survivors.

The Terezin concentration camp devoured 15,000 Jewish children under the age of 15. *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* (Pantheon Books, $14 US) is a poignant collection of drawings and poems by some of the hapless victims.

In *Did The Children Cry?* (Hippocrene Books, $24.95 US), Richard Lukas recounts Nazi Germany's crusade against Jewish — and Christian — children in Poland from 1939 to 1945. A strong book.

Some light pierced the darkness of the Holocaust. In *Heroes of the Holocaust* (London Books, $14.95), Arnold Geier relates 28 tales of human kindness and valor amid brutality and cowardice.

What happened to American Jews, particularly soldiers, who fell into Nazi hands? Mitchell Bard's *Forgotten Victims* (Westview Press, $19.95 US) may surprise you.

After the war, the Soviet Union recruited Jewish survivors to de-Nazify Poland. Excesses were apparently committed, and it is this topic which John Sack ponders in his controversial book, *An Eye For An Eye* (HarperCollins, $31).

The Oxford Companion to World War II (Oxford University Press, $73.95) may be the definitive work on this subject. Vast in scope, with 300 photos, maps and diagrams, it brims over with 1,750 entries. The essay on the Holocaust is exemplary in its thoroughness.

Code Name: The Long Sobbing (Simon Wiesenthal Center, $29.95 US) is a riveting scrapbook of photographs and memorabilia of 1944, a pivotal year in the war.

Ponderous and weighty, *The Holocaust in American Films* (Jewish Publication Society, no price listed) by Judith Doneson is simply too academic in style to be accessible.

David Irving has been exposed as a Holocaust denier. Now, in *David Irving's Hitler* (Ben-Simon Publications, $6.95), he is raked over the coals yet again, this time by German historian Eberhard Jackel.

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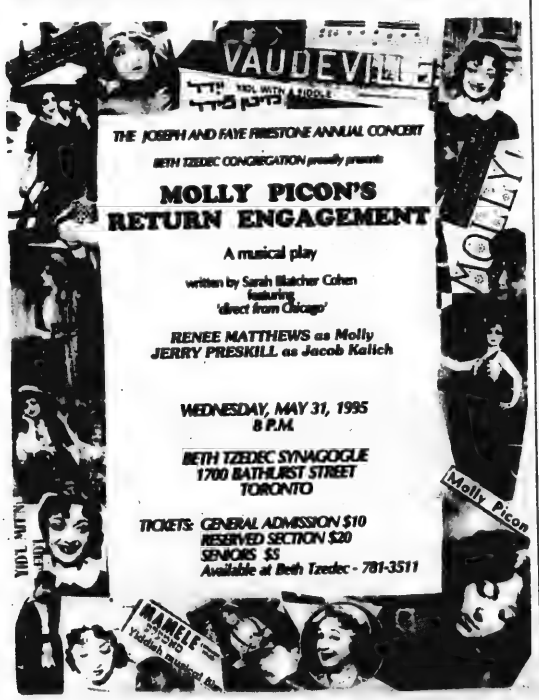

By RABBI KENNETH KATZ

A division exists among rabbis about homosexuality. Some believe that the time has come to declare, in effect, that homosexuality is no sin. Others maintain that, since the Torah says explicitly, "Do not lie with a male as one lies with a woman, it is an abhorrance" (Leviticus 18:22), homosexuality is forbidden to Jews.

These stricter rabbis maintain that male homosexuals, and perhaps lesbians as well, should be treated by the Jewish community as a special case — at most, barred from the rabbinate and teaching positions, at least treated as other violators of the Torah, like those who do not keep kosher or observe the Sabbath — with compassion if suffering from AIDS, but in general, kept in the closet. Some rabbis even say, "Why discuss the issue at all? The Torah is explicit. 'Do not lie with a male' couldn't be clearer." Then why is the issue even being discussed?

I am not going to resolve the issue of the Jewish view of homosexuality in this column. But I want to state clearly why I think the Torah demands that we discuss the question. To understand this is to see how our "Torah system" should work. This has to do with three verses in the Torah that should become familiar to every Jew, that we should be able to quote from memory. These verses function like the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, a standard against which to compare everything else in the Torah. Here they are:

"And God created man in His image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27). This verse means that every human being, man and woman, somehow resembles God — perhaps through the power of speech or thought or compassion. The Torah is saying that every person has dignity just because they are a person.

"You shall not wrong a stranger or oppose him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt" (Exodus 23:20). This means that one must consider the other person's situation in life or point of view. We Jews know very well what it means to be a stranger, and straight Jews need to wonder what it must be like to be gay.

"Justice, justice shall you pursue ." (Deuteronomy 16:20). Notice that the Torah says pursue, not wait for, think about or stroll after. Surely there is a question of justice here.

It happens in the course of history that our sense of right and wrong develops. The Torah speaks of a world with slavery and death penalties. It describes these things as explicitly as it says that a man shall not lie with another man. And yet as our sense of right and wrong developed, we changed and came to feel that slavery and death penalties were unjust, uncompassionate to those who were different than we were and an affront to human dignity. It is easy to look back and see how we used our "Charter of Rights and Freeedoms" verses to abolish them. It is harder to ask whether these three verses should now move us to change traditional views of homosexuality, even if elsewhere the Torah says, "Do not lie with a male." And yet our developing sense of right and wrong seems to demand just that.

You shall not wrong a stranger ... God created Man in His image ... Justice ... Do not lie with a male as one lies with a woman. These verses are in collision. It is not obvious how to resolve the clash, but I think our traditional "Torah system" now demands that we face it.

Rabbi Kenneth Katz is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth El in Montreal.

'Uncle Ralph' recalls first post-war Yom Kippur

By RENA ZAYIT

When I was a child, my Uncle Ralph was the uncle who told us funny stories, bought us chocolate ice cream cones and showed us Walt Disney cartoons.

GUEST VOICES

When asked about his war-time experiences, he always answered that it was a very long time ago and that he was not very important.

Even now, when he and other veterans have been invited by the Dutch government to commemorate the liberation of that country 50 years ago by Canadian troops, he is still reticent about his role.

Ralph Torontour served in the 4th Medium Artillery Regiment, whose heavy guns supported the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Divisions.

Uncle Ralph's regiment was French-Canadian and he was the only Jew. When asked about anti-Semitism, he says, "People are anti-Semitic because people are always afraid of what they do not understand.

"Sometimes I gave them an impromptu lecture or else I became physical. It was fortunate that I was bigger than most of them."

As a technical assistant, Uncle Ralph calculated the necessary calibre of ammunition. In the final days of the war, he helped open up the supply route through Arnhem and continued into Holland.

Because the Canadians advanced so quickly, they were open not just to enemy fire but to friendly fire from Canadian Lancaster planes and American flying fortresses.

"The hardest time was when our own planes came out and bombed us on the road to Falaise," Uncle Ralph says with tears in his eyes. "I still remember picking up the dog tags of soldiers in my own regiment who had been killed from those bombings."

The arrival of the First Canadian Army was just in the nick of time. Uncle Ralph was not involved in the liberation of the camps, but remembers meeting Jews hiding in a basement of an Antwerp synagogue.

Ralph Torontour

"I rapped on a side window of a boarded up door and showed the man inside the Magen David I always wore. The man stared at me and asked: 'Es-tu Juif? Quelle armie?' The Germans had already searched the synagogue. I told him in French that we were Canadians and the Germans had gone. I did not know then what had happened to the Jews. Had I known what I know now I would have been much more cruel to the Germans."

Uncle Ralph remembers being told the story of a 6-year-old girl who had tried to run away when the Gestapo came to the house. "A man ran after and pulled her back by the hair to the trucks," he says. "This same fellow had opened a bistro in Antwerp. I gathered together some men in my unit and told them he was a collaborator and we beat him with the only weapon we had, thick belts with heavy buckles. We made minced meat out of him, but really it was not enough."

My relatives used to tell me about sending food parcels and knitted clothes to my uncle overseas. When I ask him what he did with their knitted hats and homemade cookies, he makes a strange sound.

"I met so many children and adults who had come out of the camps with bloated stomachs. I was lucky and I received a lot of parcels. I used to give them to the Canadian army rabbi, Rabbi Cass, and he would divide them up amongst the starving Yiddish people."

Uncle Ralph has special memories, like the one of attending the first post-war Yom Kippur service at the Royal Opera House in Amsterdam "and seeing it packed with Jews," but shrugs away any suggestion that his actions were exceptional.

"I did not do anything special," he says. "I got my medals for being there from 1939-45. I was just there."

Jewish Life

Federation Council plans to update campus services

By JANICE ROTMAN
Special to The CJN

In an effort to strengthen Jewish continuity and identity among Jewish youth, the Council of Jewish Federations of Canada (CJFC) has embarked on a strategic, long-range plan to organize, finance and deliver campus services across Canada.

The next six months will mark a critical stage in CJFC's initiative to develop a national model for Jewish campus youth. The initiative has included comprehensive studies, the creation of a national student body (called the National Campus Coordinating Forum), and funding through CJF of both individual campus groups and such national delivery organizations as Jewish Student Network and the Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchanges.

Over the past three years, conference consultations have been held with students, campus professionals and federation leaders, in the final phase of the initiative, to produce a plan to ensure the organization, funding and delivery of Jewish campus services across Canada.

In the 1994-95 school year, the CJFC campus planning committee was directed to develop a service model that would ensure an optimum standard of service.

Committee chair Ted Medzon says the local communities will continue to have the daily responsibility for supporting programs on leadership development, advocacy, anti-Semitism, Israel, social issues, observance of holidays and religious practice. But obviously, not all communities have the same financial, professional and other resource capacities.

The national model will supplement local communities with consultation and pooled national funds. Then, if a student from London goes to school in Saskatoon and another student comes from Halifax to the University of Toronto, they both have an equal chance to affiliate and identify with other Jews both on and off campus. The national Jewish community, through its federations and affiliates, has agreed that it must provide these services as an integral element in ensuring Jewish continuity.

In the conferences held during the three years leading up to the creation of the campus model, many concerns overlapped. At the first conference students expressed feelings of isolation and lack of connection to program ideas, leadership development, Jewish services on campuses, access to national and international information and support.

As a partial response to these concerns a Program Idea Exchange and later a *Canadian National Jewish Student Resources Manual* were created through the CJFC office and sent to all campuses and local Jewish communities. A separate, updated listing of contact people on each campus was also distributed.

Jewish campus professionals wished for greater recognition of their expertise and importance, and for creation of professional networks and ongoing training. Jewish communal leaders stated that campus concerns have a high priority and that a combination of new and redistributed funds will have to be spent on assisting Jewish students nationwide.

The challenge is to create a campus model that addresses the needs of Jewish students, campus professionals and the national and local communities, in an orderly and cost efficient way. Such a comprehensive system might require the reordering of national responsibility for services to Jewish campus groups, but ultimately this will ensure a national support system for students who want to connect Jewishly within the university and college system. How quickly this can be achieved will depend upon finding creative ways of locating new human resources and redirecting existing national and local dollars.

Now in draft stage, the model and budget proposal for national service to Jewish campus students will be presented to the CJFC by the national campus planning committee in June. Consultations will be carried out at the local community and student level in advance of the June CJFC board meeting.

Janice Rotman is a planning associate with the Council of Jewish Federations of Canada.

Congress awards announced

MONTREAL — Community leaders will be presented awards at the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) plenary, to be held here May 14 and 15.

Former CJC executive vice-president Alan Rose of Montreal and Toronto's David Satok, a long-time member of CJC national and Ontario region executives, will be presented the Samuel Bronfman Medals, awarded annually to those who have rendered distinguished service to CJC and the Jewish community.

Rose, now a member of Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board, will also be honored at a special havdalah service May 13.

Judy Feld Carr of Toronto, head of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews, will receive the Saul Hayes Human Rights Award for her role in the rescue of Syria's remaining Jews.

Donald Carr of Toronto, a member of CJC's national executive and active in many community endeavors, will receive the Sam Filer Distinguished Service Award, given to a CJC or a current community leader.

Gary Goldsand, a student at the University of Calgary, will be presented with the Brian A. Finestone Memorial Award, while Andrea Silverstone, immediate past chair of Jewish Students' Network Canada, will receive the Monroe Abbey Memorial Award.

The Finestone and Abbey awards provide financial assistance to help deserving persons between 25 and 40 years of age attend the plenary, as well as recognize past involvement and encourage future participation in CJC.

Finally, Andrea Bronfman will receive the Award of Merit on May 14 in recognition of her contribution to the Canadian Jewish community through the exhibit *A Coat of Many Colors: Two Centuries of Jewish Life in Canada*. The exhibit traveled to nine Canadian cities as well as Tel Aviv and New York.

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From coast to coast

Ex-diplomat blasts Labor

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A former Israeli diplomat recently delivered a scathing attack on the country's Labor-led government, arguing its senior leadership was so driven by the desire to make a deal with the Palestinians that it was shutting its eyes to the awful reality of the situation.

"The reality and the promises are different and the reality is bloody," said Yitschak Ben-Gad, a former consul general to the Midwestern United States.

Israeli leaders are not showing enough "backbone" in negotiating with the Arabs, he said. Ben-Gad ridiculed Israeli Prime Minster Yitzhak Rabin, saying he has changed his mind so often on key issues he was acting like "a yo-yo."

Speaking to about 50 people at a meeting sponsored by Herut-Likud Canada, Ben-Gad said Rabin promised a bright future without bloodshed or war. Instead, more than 100 Israelis have been killed and more than 350 wounded since Israel and the PLO initialled the Oslo agreement.

Ben-Gad ridiculed a number of Labor Knesset members, saying Shulamit Aloni has suggested giving part of the Negev desert to the Palestinians because they are short of territory. Arab lands are 640 times the size of Israel, he said incredulously.

Rabin, meanwhile, has moved in the direction of his left wing coalition partners, Mapam, and appears to be reversing his pre-election pledge that the Golan Heights is too important to Israel's security to give up. Rabin has no mandate to turn the heights over to Syria, Ben-Gad contended.

A former deputy mayor of Netanya, Ben-Gad said the PLO and Islamic fundamentalists are working hand in hand against Israel. "[Palestinian leader Yasser] Arafat would like the fundamentalists to kill Jews, but he doesn't want it said they came from Gaza."

The more Israelis killed, the greater the concessions Arafat can wrest from the Israeli government, Ben-Gad argued.

A native of Tripoli, Libya, Ben-Gad said recent polls show Likud leading Labor in popularity by 42 per cent to 37. He said "the peace process should be stopped or at least delayed," as long as Jews are being killed in terror attacks. And he rejected any suggestion that Israel withdraw to the "dangerous lines of 1967.

"We believe a strong Israel with defensible borders is the best guarantee for security ... Peace can only be achieved through a position of strength," he said.

National Ballet Company of Canada principal dancer Karen Kain with one of the winning teens in the Dance for Orly competition.

Dance for Watkin raises research funds

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The traditional way of memorializing someone who has died is with tzedakah. For young Orly Watkin, it was only fitting that this should be combined with dance.

Orly died suddenly of meningitis last May, at the age of 15. Two days before, the girl who loved to dance won four gold medals at a regional dance competition at York University.

Her heartbroken father, Shlomo, described himself as "obsessed" with the need to raise money for meningitis research. He established the Orly Watkin Meningitis Research Fund at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, but wanted to do more.

On April 23, a dance competition called Dance for Orly, held at the Minkler Auditorium of Seneca College, raised $20,000.

More than 500 students, from 11 dance schools, took part in the event, which drew over 1,100 spectators.

The children, in age groups of 8 to 10, 11 to 13, and 14 and up, vied for prizes in jazz, acrobatics, lyrical dance, tap and ballet.

As well, Watkin said, a special trophy for "the most cheerful presentation" went to the Joanne Chapman School of Dance from Mississauga.

Karen Kain, principal dancer of the National Ballet of Canada, presented the awards.

Schools have already called to ask to take part in next year's competition, he said, and he has received offers of financial and volunteer help.

The money Watkin is raising (he plans to make Dance for Orly an annual event) is slated to assist in a study by Dr. Andy Simor, head of Sunnybrook Hospital's department of microbiology, of penicillin-resistent bacteria.

A press release from the hospital explains that the streptococcus pneumoniae bacteria has become increasingly resistent to penicillin as well as other antiobiotic treatments.

"S. pneumoniae is the leading cause of infectious disease-related illness and death in Canada and the United States, and accounts for more than 3,000 cases of meningitis, over 500,000 cases of pneumonia and other serious illnesses," the release notes.

Simor's study will determine the level of resistance and subsequently alternative methods of treatment, and try to better understand how the bacteria is caused and spread.

As well, Simor, along with a research team at Mount Sinai Hospital, will study exactly how the body resists antibiotics.

Watkin said that although the project exhausted him, "I felt I had to do this for my daughter." His voice breaking, he told *The CJN*, "She was so special — and in one second she was gone."

Photographer dies at 45

TORONTO — Allan Anshan, whose photographs appeared often in the pages of *The CJN*, died suddenly of a heart attack on April 30. He was 45.

Born in Toronto in 1949, he attended William Lyon Mackenzie C. I. After leaving school at the age of 16, with the help of his sister, Esther Drukarsh, he began working at Graphic Artists, "as a gofer." He learned photography skills, and at the age of 40 struck out on his own, establishing Alron Photos on Queen Street W.

Besides news and general photography, he specialized in models' portfolios, Drukarsh said. He was proud of doing all his own technical work, she added.

Jeff Rosen, *CJN* news editor, praised Anshan's professionalism, cooperation and skill. "He had a good eye for what would make a good news photograph."

Besides Drukarsh, Anshan is survived by his wife JoAnne Warren and her children David and Andrea, mother Minnie Anshan, two nephews and a niece. — L.S.

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From coast to coast

Classes resume after strike

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A month-long strike by teachers at United Congregational Schools (UCS) has ended, and classes at the three campuses were to resume this past Sunday.

The 10 teachers accepted a contract that will stay in force until June 1996.

The school year for the roughly 300 students will be extended but it isn't known yet by how long. Efraim Bagola, president of the Federation of Teachers in Hebrew Schools, told *The CJN*.

The teachers walked off the job April 2 in a dispute that centred around job security, severance and sick leave. They had been without a contract for three years.

Bagola said the deal means teachers can only be fired for cause or because of diminished enrolment, both based on seniority.

He said the package has brought teachers' demands on severance in line with provincial guidelines and has won back accumulated sick leave credits.

The strike shut down afternoon and Sunday supplementary classes at Beth Emeth and Beth David synagogues and at Westminster Public School in Thornhill.

Bagola called the deal "a major victory" for teachers, with the sole concession coming on severance.

But UCS board chair Anita Bromberg was less enthusuastic, saying the deal is an "interim" one that solves only the sick leave issue and leaves everything else "on the table."

She said an agreement on severance was for the short term only and there has been no change regarding job security.

Bromberg also said the school year will likely be extended, possibly to June 30.

CORRECTION

It was incorrectly reported in the April 27 issue of *The CJN* that Dorothy Reitman defeated David Satok for the presidency of Canadian Jewish Congress in 1986. In fact, her unsuccessful challenger was Moshe Ronen.

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Yom Hashoah

Revenge not in Holocaust survivor's vocabulary

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Emotions were close to the surface at a gala dinner that wound up a recent two-day community Holocaust remembrance and commemoration of the 50th anniversary of liberation.

Pride in the accomplishments of survivors and a determination to fight hatred were recurring themes in the evening's speeches. The event, which drew a crowd of 300 to Adath Israel Congregation, was entitled A Celebration of Life. It was co-sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and the Holocaust remembrance committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

In the keynote address, Lithuanian-born Brooklyn College professor Yaffa Eliach, 57, told of her heartwrenching childhood and her six-continent quest for documentation from her home town, Ejszyszki, a shtetl founded in 1073 by her ancestors.

Her search resulted in the Tower of Faces exhibit at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

As a child, Eliach, witnessed the murder of her mother and baby brother by local Poles, who invaded their home three months after liberation.

Yet revenge is not in her vocabulary, she emphasized. "Indeed it is our obligation to teach the world that never again will any victims any place be put in such a position," said an impassioned Eliach.

Other speakers included Eleanor Getzler, chair of the Holocaust remembrance committee; Gerda Frieberg, chair, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, (the first survivor to hold that position); Sandra Brown of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto; Arlene Perly Rae, wife of Ontario premier Bob Rae; and Pnina Zilberman, director of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto.

Tower of Faces

Toronto singer Theresa Tova performed a medley of Yiddish songs. Jenny Eisenstein also sang.

An excited Fanny Pillersdorf was reunited with Californians Samuel and Dora Baseman. The three survivors all lived at the DP camp in Leipheim, Germany just after the war.

A quilt by local artist Linda Goldman, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, was on display in the shul lobby for the occasion.

Linda Goldman's Holocaust quilt was on display at recent Holocaust remembrance programs.

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Orly left us one year ago.
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ORLY WATKIN

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I find it so hard to believe and accept that you are not here. But I know that you are watching from above and see and hear all that goes on.

I know with all my heart that you know that I love and miss you with all that I am.

ORLY, You are "my light" that will shine eternally in my heart.

With all my love, missing you terribly, your sister

Tali

ORLY

I visited your room today
I did not find you there,
I touched your clothes
Your pillow, and
The brush that holds your hair.

I search in unmailed letters
Lying by your phone,
Your school work, your diary,
And I almost find you home.

I yearn to touch and hold you,
To hear you laugh
To see your smile,
I search and search,
Yet all the while,

I know that I will find you
When I look up to the sky,
The birds bring your message
As they are flying by,

You send them as a comfort
For the Mom who loves you so,
And as they wing away
I ask them not to go,

But you always send me others
I know just what you say,
"I am happy, do not worry,
I have not gone away"!

Yom Hashoah

'Never let the story go'

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — David Pollock was a 22-year-old Canadian radar officer on a mobile convoy to Berlin when an American officer invited him and his party to take a side trip to a concentration camp.

World War II was near its end on that April day in 1945 and Pollock, who had never heard of concentration camps, accepted the invitation.

"I grew up very quickly in a few hours," the Carleton University professor told a Yom Hashoah audience of 150 at Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Halifax. "I was a member of the only Jewish family in my small Saskatchewan home town and had never heard of anti-Semitism."

Pollock was one of thousands of liberators of those who remained alive among the Jews and others who had been incarcerated and slaughtered by the Nazis.

He spoke of the atrocities he saw during his brief visit to Buchenwald. "In one building, there were bodies everywhere. People were beyond hope and the stench was horrible. I lit cigarette after cigarette to kill the odor. I saw prisoners on beds, naked. Others wore concentration camp uniforms. They had no strength, no hair, no flesh."

He said he saw the torture room and the crematoria. "The furnaces were still too hot to touch." Pollock took photographs, which are now on display at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

"Fifty years later, I see a duality between technology and hate," he said. "We have seen what technology and hate can do in Rwanda, Bosnia, and even Oklahoma City."

He urged people to be vigilant about hatred. The generation of prisoners, survivors, liberators and witnesses is disappearing, he said. "We must tell what happened and never let the story go."

The Holocaust Memorial Day program, organized by the Atlantic Jewish Council, featured a candle lighting in which six candles were lit by community members as names of 10 Jews murdered by the Nazis were read. Included in the lighting was Helena Rockel of Halifax, a survivor who escaped the final death march in 1945.

Atlantic Jewish Council

Members of the 1994 March of the Living spoke at the end of the ceremony and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre film, *Liberation*, was shown.

In Saint John, N.B., another community gathering heard Dr. Sandra Gereau, professor of European History at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, talk about other holocausts in the world today.

Ed Caissie of Minto Elementary and Junior High School displayed a scale model of a refugee camp at Ripples, N.B., used in post-war times to hold Jewish refugees and people who did not agree with Canadian government positions.

Part of the program honored New Brunswick high school students who completed essays on The Holocaust and its Role in the World Democracy. They were presented with prizes from the Joel Athletic and Educational Foundation of Toronto, named after the late son of Marshal (Jacobson) Swirsky, a former Saint John resident.

Interfaith service held in Windsor

WINDSOR — Over 500 people, including many non-Jews, turned out late last month for an interfaith Yom Hashoah service at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim here.

Representatives from the Sandwich Baptist Church, the Windsor Catholic School Board, the city's race and ethnocultural relations committee and the United Church joined the Jewish community for the public service.

Keynote speaker was Alan Brown, a retired economics professor at the University of Windsor and a Holocaust survivor. Brown recounted his wartime experiences, first in the Hungarian town of Miskolc and then in a labor camp in Austria, where a non-Jew, Rosa Schreiber, saved him and his father by sneaking them food and medicine.

Brown said that, in the face of modern-day genocides in Rwanda, Cambodia and Bosnia, present and future generations must do all they can to combat prejudice and intolerance.

The K'El Maleh Rachamim was chanted by Cantor David Neumark and Kaddish was recited by Rabbi Yosil Rosenzweig.

The first of seven memorial candles was lit by Jacob Rosenzweig, the oldest of Windsor's 66 Holocaust survivors.

The service was dedicated to the 12 survivors who died in the past year.

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Hamilton honors Legion veterans

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — A crowd of 500 filled Beth Jacob Synagogue on Yom Hashoah for the annual community-wide commemoration program, which this year marked the 50th anniversary of the liberation.

As people of all ages placed yahrzeit candles on the bimah, names of those who perished, relatives of local survivors, were read.

The audience applauded as representatives of the local Dutch Canadian community were presented with a plaque "in recognition and gratitude for the many instances when Dutch men, women and children risked their lives to protect their Jewish fellow citizens."

The crowd rose in tribute as 12 members of the Maccabees Branch 343, Royal Canadian Legion, placed Canadian, Israeli and regimental flags on the bimah.

The veterans remained on the bimah as Dr. Alex Rosa, a survivor from Czechoslovakia, introduced the candlelighting ceremony and Cantor David Bercovici of Beth Jacob chanted the K'El Maleh Rachamim and led the Kaddish.

Candles in memory of the six million were lit by survivors Frank Junger, Mauthausen; Cilka Silber, Auschwitz; Maurice Kaufman, Buchenwald; Ora Markstein, Bergen-Belsen; Ollie Horodetsky, Theresienstadt; and Margaret Rethazy, Ebensee.

The candle in memory of fallen Israeli soldiers was lit by Zion Naftoli.

Livia Kocsis and her two daughters, Alexandra and Jessica, and nieces Dana, Galia and Yona Randor, read excerpts from Elie Wiesel's *The Six Days of Destruction*, and soprano Ilana Karan performed Inge Auerbacher's *I Will Survive*.

The keynote speaker was American educator and Jewish community leader, Jeanette Eichenwald. Her message was one of hope and Jewish survival.

The only child of survivors, Eichenwald spoke movingly of her parents' determination to survive.

All her parents had when they came to the New World, said Eichenwald, was "their undying love for one another, their undying belief in G-d and their undying faith in the goodness of our heritage and our tradition."

And yet, her father, now 87, "has shown me by the way he chooses to live his own life," Eichenwald stated, "that this is not a world of nightmares but of dreams of a better world of righteousness, of justice and of mercy."

Hamilton Holocaust committee chair Gary Frydman opened the program; Ward I Alderman Marvin Caplan represented Mayor Bob Morrow, and the federation president David Steinberg made the presentation to the Dutch Canadian community.

Winnipeg program celebrates survival

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Despite our heavy losses, world Jewry has much to celebrate on the 50th anniversary of VE-Day and the end of the Holocaust, said Barbara Goszer, chair of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council's Holocaust awareness committee.

"Our survival and regeneration signal our victory over Hitler and the Nazis and their genocidal plans," Goszer said at the traditional memorial service that marked the beginning of the annual Holocaust Awareness Week.

The service is held every year at the Bnay Abraham Synagogue in north Winnipeg, which has its own memorial to the Holocaust.

The evening began with the traditional change of name of the street in front of the synagogue to Avenue of the Warsaw Ghetto Heroes. Following Goszer's introduction, the mainly Jewish General Monash branch of the Royal Canadian Legion presented its colors. Choirs from the north end Talmud Torah/I. L. Peretz School and south Winnipeg Ramah School sang the traditional *Ani Ma'amin* and *The Song of the Partisans*.

This year, the committee chose to honor the senior members of its speakers' bureau and their children and grandchildren, by inviting them to light the six candles.

Following a speech in Yiddish by a representative of Winnipeg's Second Generation Group, Rabbi Neal Rose spoke of the need to decide how to remember the Holocaust in future and what we want to pass on.

"While in Boston for Pesach, we met a child survivor," Rabbi Rose said. "He is 51. A sobering thought struck me. Fifty years from now, how is the story going to be told? There are few events in the 20th century as well researched and documented as the Holocaust. But how is the next generation going to be able to tell the story?"

Rabbi Rose noted that Jews have the power of memory, referring to the Pesach story as the prime example. "Remembering for Jews is not simply a matter of storing information," he said. "It is a passing on of values. The art of Jewish storytelling in the true form puts forth the value of kiddush chaim (the sanctification of life)."

Other events during the week included a service on the grounds of Manitoba's Legislative Building in front of the Holocaust Monument.

Yom Hashoah

Rabbi Weiss thanks survivors for their courage to continue

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The haunting lilt of the Yiddish folksong *Oifn Pripechik*, sung softly by featured speaker Rabbi Avi Weiss, and picked up by a sombre, until then silent audience, was the emotional highlight of last week's Yom Hashoah program sponsored by the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

Over 400 people attended the program, which was held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Rabbi Weiss, national president of AMCHA, the coalition for Jewish Concerns in New York, and known for his activist stances on Jewish issues, in what was for him a low-key but emotional speech, conjured up "images — so many images," of "a little boy, eyes full of fear," of "a woman about to be shot covering her breasts so at least she died in modesty," of "a patriarch, half his beard shaved off, as SS guards snicker."

Each of the generations, he said, the first (the survivors), the second (the children of survivors) and the third and beyond, have their own roles to play.

He thanked the survivors "with deep humility" for their "strength in bearing witness," and especially for having the courage to have children.

"Having children after Auschwitz is the greatest statement of belief, the greatest mitzvah.

"You are all kadosh — you are all holy."

The second generation, he said, has a special challenge to remember Allied politicians who refused to bomb train lines to the camps, and refused to trade trucks for Jews, "because Jews were worth so little."

"They allowed political expediency to outweigh morality," he charged.

The third generation, he said, "my children, your children, those who will be the first generation when the survivors have gone," have the greatest challenge — to remember.

Six memorial candles, set on tall black velvet-covered stands were lit by survivors Arnold Friedman, Stan Hochman, Ernst and Helene Breuer, Sol Goldrich, Clara Reitman and Henry Zagdanski and their families, young children skipping down the steps a potent reminder that there was, indeed, survival after Hitler.

As Shaarei Shomayim cantor Shlomo Sufrin intoned K'El Maleh Rachamim and Ani Ma'amin and Shaarei Shomayim spiritual leader Rabbi Mark Dratch recited Kaddish, the audience wiped tears from their eyes, or, more often, stared stoically into space.

Arnold Friedman, president of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association, lamented that "anti-Semitism, genocide, and ethnic cleansing are on the rise, while academics worry about overpopulation," and in Canada "Nazis walk free."

Our mission should be to use the lessons of history as guidelines to the future, to ensure that such a tragedy never happens again, and to ferret out and prosecute Nazis, he said.

Staci Hochman read a poem written by her grandfather Stan Hochman when he was in a concentration camp.

Dror Zeigerman, consul general of Israel, brought greetings from the State of Israel.

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Pride of Israel Congregation held their own Yom Hashoah program. Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich told *The CJN* that "the most effective Yom Hashoah programs are the ones that are the simplest."

Over 200 people heard about what it was like to be liberated from the camps from Joseph Steinmetz, Mike Englishman and Jerry Siegel.

Greetings were brought by Israeli vice-consul Haim Waxman and by M.P. Art Eggleton.

A play based on Carol Matas' young adult book *Lisa*, about a teenager in the Danish resistance was put on the night before.

"We wanted it [the shul's Holocaust remembrance program] to be a celebration of a positive event [the liberation], not just a memorial to a tragedy," Rabbi Flanzreich said.

Seeds of evil alive, says Rose

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Allied governments and the American government had resisted Hitler right at the beginning, who knows what the course of history would have been? When freedom perished in Germany, so did the Jews."

Regretfully today, he said, the Holocaust denial movement is hard at work, war criminals living in Canada have gone unpunished and Jews have been killed in places like Israel and Argentina, just because they are Jews.

"It tells me that the seeds of evil are unfortunately very much alive."

Rose also called on Jews to remember the Gypsies, "who were destroyed with us," the soldiers who fell battling the Nazis and the Jewish resistance fighters who stared down the Germans in places like the Warsaw Ghetto.

We should remember too the exceptional courage of the righteous gentiles who took the risk of hiding Jewish children and families.

Finally, Rose concluded, the lesson of Bergen-Belsen is to remember the victims.

"In November 1945, I went back to Belsen and people were still dying, but they all had a recurrent theme — remember us, remember us. And I think we have a duty to remember their days until the end of ours," he said.

Since Yom Hashoah ceremonies everywhere this year [illegible]

liberation of the concentration camps, the Ottawa Shoah committee concluded its commemoration by awarding plaques to diplomatic or military representatives of the liberation armies. Minister of Defence David Collenette accepted the plaque for Canada. France, Britain, the United States and Russia were also honored.

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Jewish Scouts remember Israel's fallen soldiers

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — As the Israel flag was lowered to half-mast by Segev Mueisa and Yaniv Shimla of the Zabar Scouts and *Taps* was played by Alex Sorin, some 1,500 people stood in silence at a Yom Hazikaron assembly to memorialize Israel's fallen soldiers.

More than 40 Zabar Scouts — Israeli Boy and Girl Scouts Federation of Toronto — participated in the program at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, sponsored by the consulate general of Israel in Toronto.

Those who gave their lives for the State of Israel were remembered with music, poetry, speeches and prayers, in English, Hebrew and Yiddish.

Cantor Yehuda Rotner chanted K'El Maleh Rachamim, and Shimon Inbar recited Kaddish. Yizkor was read in Hebrew by Major (Res.) Isaac Gelber and in English by Lt. (Res.) Oren Lapsker.

The Ne'imot Singers, a choir of Israelis and Canadians, were accompanied by pianist Doron Ophir. Israel David, the choir's soloist, sang *Ha'reut* (Friendship) composed by Chaim Guri, and guitarist

'Tears of sadness turn to tears of joy'

Daphna Tzur performed *Achi Ha'tzair Yehuda* (My Younger Brother Yehuda), by Ehud Manor.

Shimon Zer Aviv, who coordinated the assembly with Frances-ca David, was the MC. He recited David's Lament (Samuel 11:1).

Speaking in Hebrew and English, Dror Zeigerman, the Israeli consul general spoke of "the fallen soldiers of the Independence War, Sinai War, the War of Attrition, the Six Day War, the Yom Kippur War, Peace of Galilee and the War against terror. Today, here in Toronto, we salute these people, their families and the continuation of a strong and independent Israel.

"Two days ago, we commemorated Yom Hashoah, today we commemorate Yom Hazikaron, and tomorrow we will celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut — tears of sadness turn to tears of joy."

He concluded with the prayer that, "Never again will we have to bury our war heroes."

The secret of our survival, said Rabbi Philip Scheim, spiritual leader of Beth David, has been the sound of the voices of Jewish children learning and playing in Israel. These are our greatest national resource.

Rabbi Scheim praised the "precious thousands of Israeli soldiers, men and women," who gave their last breath for the sake of Israeli children, for the sake of the Jewish future.

The Zabar Scouts presented readings and lit the memorial candle.

Nitsan Wienberg, who along with Revital Ben-Knai is a leader of the Zabar Scouts, told *The CJN*, "Israelis want to keep their ties and heritage to Israel."

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From coast to coast

Vancouver community honors Frankenburgs

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — More than 400 members of the Vancouver Jewish community paid tribute to Dennis and Naomi Frankenburg, at the annual Negev dinner held recently at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

"They immigrated to Vancouver 35 years ago from England knowing nobody, and in that time they have enriched our lives," said dinner chair Fances Belzberg.

Ruth Freeman, president of the Pacific region of the Jewish National Fund (JNF), which sponsored the dinner, also praised the Frankenburgs.

She said Dennis, a former British army paratrooper, used his accounting experience to serve as treasurer for a number of Vancouver organizations.

Naomi has been closely associated with Jewish education, Canadian Jewish Congress and JNF, and was the first Vancouverite to become president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO.

Naomi marvelled at Israel's growth from a population of 650,000 in 1948 to 5.5 million.

"We are a privileged generation, she said, "because we are the generation that has seen Israel's rebirth and growth to a flourishing state."

Since 1901, when JNF was founded, it has planted 200 million trees — "some in the most inhospitable places." Israel is the only country in the world where the desert is getting smaller, she said.

Sid Halpern of Winnipeg, national president, said JNF's water conservation policy will help the peace process.

Halpern also paid tribute to Ben and Esther Dayson of Vancouver for restoring as a museum the Jewish National Fund House in Tel Aviv, where Israel was proclaimed an independent state.

The keynote speaker, Maj.-Gen. Lewis MacKenzie, is the Canadian who served as chief of staff and commander of land forces of the UN peacekeeping force in the former Yugoslavia. He was also in the very first UN peacekeeping force, serving in the Gaza Strip and helping negotiate the ceasefire in the Yom Kippur War.

"I wish I could be more optimistic about the situation in the Middle East right now," MacKenzie said. But "a lot of whackos are running around disrupting the peace process."

Ruth Freeman

He claimed people who are making money out of the conflict in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon "are keeping it going as the result of acts of terrorist atrocities. It's not ideology, it's self-interest," he said.

Mel Kotler, of Kelowna, was honored with the Bernard M. Bloomfield Medal, presented annually to "deserving JNF workers" in various areas across Canada, on an alternating basis.

The Esther and Eric Exton Educational Award, conceived in 1982 to mark JNF's 80th anniversary, went to Eleanor Braude, principal of the Richmond, B.C. Jewish Day School.

Gideon Shavit, the JNF shaliach from Israel, announced that JNF established 52 projects last year, many supported by British Columbia residents. Shavit, who returns to Israel this summer after three years here, was praised for his work in expanding the organization's activities.

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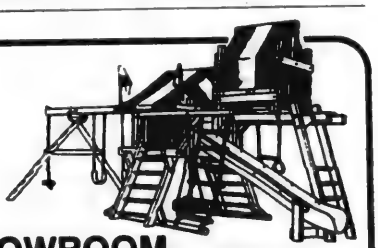

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General public invited to UJA campaign opening

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the first time, the general public is being invited to the opening of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) campaign, set for Sept. 6 at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts in North York.

Other innovations this year are a shorter campaign and a definite ending date of Nov. 23.

But one thing co-chairs Carol Kassel and Chuck Gold are counting on is the same high rate of enthusiasm the 2,000-plus volunteers show in their canvassing. In fact, recruiting for volunteers is already underway, with an education program for them planned for August.

Kassel and Gold are plunging into the campaign with their own motivation flag high. "The Toronto Jewish community is the envy of the world and that's why so many new people are coming here," said Gold.

Chuck Gold

Carol Kassel

"This year we're concentrating on primacy needs," said Kassel, a former chair of the women's campaign. "We want the canvassers and the donors to talk to each other, to talk about why and where the money is needed."

This year 51.4 per cent of the proceeds will go to local needs of the community and 48.6 per cent to Israel, most of the latter to meet the rescue, resettlement and absorption costs incurred by the dramatic rescues of Jews from Syria, Sarajevo, Chechnya and other countries. Israel is still absorbing 5,000 to 6,000 Soviet Jews every month, Kassel said.

The co-chairs are understandably elated over the latest census figures, which show that the Toronto Jewish community has grown to 162,000, and they consider it a tribute to the city's strong resources.

But they're wasting no time in inviting the newcomers to become part of the UJA team. For example, the South African community is having its own UJA opener May 16, with a speech by Mendel Caplan, Jewish Agency chair. Potential donors in the South African community have increased from 300 to 1,100.

A special effort is to be made to canvass the Israeli community, which now numbers about 25,000.

As last year, links with the synagogues have been strengthened and rabbis are represented on the management team and on all cabinet committees. Another strong effort is also planned for every university and college campus.

Reflecting the focus of the community's interest in the past year or two, co-chairs Kassel and Gold say the UJA campaign will stress the message of Jewish education and continuity.

Both Kasssel and Gold have risen to the top campaign posts through hard work in the ranks. Kassel, a marketing consultant in private life, gets strong support from her husband, Bill, and two children, Adam, 22, a student at McGill University and Dana, 20, a Queen's undergraduate.

Gold, who practised obstetrics and gynecology for 20 years before turning to real estate and land development five years ago, and his wife, Marilyn, have two sons, Jamie and Paul, a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Charles Taerk, another daughter, Jackie, and two grandchildren, Joshua and Zachary Taerk.

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From coast to coast

Future of modern Orthodoxy discussed

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The religious world is moving towards a blurring of some of the boundaries separating central Orthodoxy from Conservative Judaism on the one hand and the haredi on the other, Rabbi Yitzchak Witty told an audience of over 200 at this year's Meyer Gasner Memorial lecture.

This will not necessarily mean an actual merger between the groups, but will arise as a result of influences from the outside world, he explained.

Rabbi Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, along with Prof. Leo Davids, associate professor of sociology at York University, and Rabbi Shlomo Jakobovits, general studies principal of Eitz Chaim Schools, was discussing the future of modern Orthodoxy.

The move to the left by the Conservative movement, seen in such changes as the ordination of women as rabbis, will lead to the merging of modern Orthodoxy with the more traditional Conservative Jews, such as those in the Union of Traditional Judaism, Rabbi Witty said.

At the other end of the spectrum, he said, the haredi "can't keep living in the world without some movement into it."

That is already happening, he said, in such fields as medical care. And one may be extremely particular, for example, about the details of what constitutes a halachically perfect etrog, he noted, but "the etrog comes here on a jet."

The speakers agreed with moderator Rabbi Mark Dratch, spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim where the program was held, that modern Orthodoxy ("some call it centrist, dati, or Yeshiva University orthodoxy," noted Rabbi Dratch wryly) operates on the basic principal of the authority of Torah and Halachah, and a total commitment to the observance of Jewish law.

At the same time, its adherents see value in secular education and the wish to be a part of contemporary civilization; in religious zionism, which not only sees Israel as a holy land, but the very existence of the State of Israel as having religious value — raishit tzmichat ge'ulateinu (the first flowering of our redemption); and in an openness to the non-Orthodox.

The first flowering of our redemption

Davids, who has done extensive research into the family, said that while those living an Orthodox lifestyle are fairly immune to such problems of the larger community as child pregnancy, youth gangs, violence, drug addiction, and "the massive ignorance of Torah and Jewish tradition common in the [general] Jewish population," their problems do include workaholism ("that used to afflict only husbands — now it's unisex") and marriage breakdown, with such related single-parenting problems as poverty, stress and "scarred children."

"These problems are not somewhere else," he said, urging the Orthodox to work with other Jews. "To protect our future as part of the Jewish people, we must be ready to face the impact of modern life, the challenges and dangers of our environment."

Rabbi Jakobovits said the State of Israel, not, as some say, the Holocaust or a worldwide trend towards fundamentalism, is responsible for the return to observance by many Jews, especially the young.

"The Holocaust turned off as many [as had their faith strengthened by it], and Islamic fundamentalism particularly is more concerned with governmental issues. And Christian fundamentalism does not show this trend at all."

In Israel, he said, many sections of the Shulchan Aruch are part of the law of the land, "which has had an enormous impact on increasing respect for Halachah."

Also, he said, the very existence of a state "gave an uplift of self-esteem the like of which we didn't have during the golah [dispersal]."

With the passage of time, he said, the Holocaust will recede as an influence on Jewish life, but "Israel won't — it is here to stay."

The Meyer Gasner Memorial Lecture (this year called a forum) is sponsored by Mizrachi of Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, and Shaarei Shomayim.

Greetings were brought by Susan Jackson, director of community and educational services of CJC Ontario region. The panel was thanked by Kurt Rothschild, national president of Mizrachi.

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Anti-racism program coordinator honored

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region presented the Morris Saltzman Award to Sam Fillipoff, for his "outstanding contribution to community relations in British Columbia."

The presentation was made by Mark Weintraub at the recent Pacific region triennial meeting.

Fillipoff, who is coordinator of the British Columbia Teachers Federation (BCTF) anti-racism program, has worked closely with Marilyn Berger, associate director of Congress, in developing anti-facist educational programs in schools throughout British Columbia.

Fillipoff, formerly race relations consultant for the Vancouver school board, is the liaison for the BCTF and the provincial, federal and municipal departments and organizations which operate multicultural and anti-racist activities.

He has organized multicultural, anti-racist camps for students and teachers throughout the province and facilitated the presentation of Holocaust education symposiums in collaboration with Congress, in a number of school districts.

Series of outreach programs

Currently, with a $12,000 grant from the provincial government, Congress, assisted by Fillipoff, is conducting a series of outreach programs in five school districts.

The first was held in Saltspring Island at the Gulf Islands Secondary School in March, with speakers including William Nicholas, professor emeritus of religion at the University of British Columbia; Bronia Sonnenschein, an Auschwitz survivor; and Rabbi Itchak Marmorstein, of Saltspring, a child of survivors.

It was followed in April by one in Victoria at Victoria High School. Another program is scheduled for May 24 at the Matthew McNair Secondary School in suburban Richmond.

Berger told *The CJN* each program is "tailor made" for the area in which it's held. Additional speakers and panelists join the discussions "to bring the perspective from the ethnic community as it reflects on local issues of concern."

Berger, who is a pioneer in organizing Holocaust programs at the University of British Columbia, paid tribute to Fillipoff for helping expand the programs to the various school districts.

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Tel Aviv Foundation returns to Canada

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the first time in five years, the Tel Aviv Foundation is working to re-establish an official presence in Canada.

The organization, established in Israel in 1978, has funded some 300 major projects in Tel Aviv-Jaffa, the country's largest metropolis. Underprivileged children and seniors have been among those to benefit from the building of educational, recreational, social and cultural facilities.

The Canadian committee for the Tel Aviv Foundation got off the ground in 1988 in Toronto, but dissolved about two years later when its driving force, former Israeli consul general Gideon Saguy, retired from the committee.

Etty Lothan

Meet with supporters

Etty Lothan, newly appointed projects coordinator for the Tel Aviv Foundation, was in Toronto and Montreal recently to meet with supporters and potential supporters. She plans to return in June, when she will also visit Vancouver.

Lothan is a native Tel Avivian and former English teacher with a background in real estate. She was hired after Tel Aviv mayor Roni Milo decided to open a Canadian desk for the foundation following his election in November.

Milo's predecessor, Shlomo ("Cheech") Lahat, was instrumental in founding the organization, which has support in Los Angeles, New York, Germany, England and South America.

"Our aim is looking at the future," said Lothan in a Toronto interview. Two Jaffa kindergartens typify that aim. One is a special education program that prepares children for regular classes after three years of intensive work.

The other is Gan Shalom, a kindergarten for Arab and Jewish children donated by the municipality of Cologne, Germany. "That's coexistence," said Lothan.

In Tel Aviv's Hatikvah neighborhood, once known for its high crime rate, 30 youngsters age five to eight come to a "day boarding home" every day after school and stay until about 8 p.m. There they are "washed, fed, helped with their homework and [they can] talk to an adviser or social worker."

Parents also receive assistance with things like job hunting, getting legal advice regarding a divorce and even, in some cases, learning to read and write.

The facility could accommodate twice the number of children if it were renovated, Lothan noted.

The home's atmosphere is positive, like its name, Bustanit (which derives from the Hebrew word for orchard), Lothan said.

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date. Thursday, May 11 is deadline for May 24 issue and Thursday, May 18 is deadline for June 1 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Friday, May 12

DIGNITY DENIED

Drama as an educational tool in elder abuse, is the theme of a workshop for professionals and volunteers working with older ethnic women, with special focus on those working with language and cultural barriers, 9 a.m. to noon, Best Western Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton St. Program includes a performance of *Dignity Denied*, by the Awareness Project Players of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. Fee $25 or $15 seniors and students. Registration/information **Rhea Shulman**, 425-7260 or 465-3158. Sponsored by Network of Senior Ethnic Women and the Bernard Betel Centre.

Sunday, May 14

ISRAEL FAIR

Experience Israel at the Israel Fair at the Bloor JCC, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Activities include planting, art, Israel food kiosk, food samples, information booths, fun and games, ulpan, book display and sale. Sponsored by Downtown Jewish Community Council, Downtown Jewish Community School, and Bloor JCC.

A FILM PORTRAIT

Subway violinist **Ezra Atsmon** is the subject of a film portrait, *Busker's Bach*, airing on CBC-TV's *Sunday Arts Entertainment*, 2 p.m.

CHILDREN TEACHING CHILDREN

Canadian Friends of Givat Haviva is hosting an evening focusing on Children Teaching Children About Peace, with **Shuli Dichter** and **Farha'at Agrabiyeh**, director and staff member respectively of Givat Haviva Institute in Israel, 7:30 p.m. Beth Tzedec boardroom, 1700 Bathurst St. Admission free. 736-9655.

HONORING MOTHERS

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Brotherhood breakfast meeting, 9 a.m., is a Mother's Day program honoring mothers with a musical performance by **Helen Bienstock** entitled With a Song in My Heart. Everyone welcome.

REFLECTIONS ON MOTHER'S DAY

Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood invites you to a breakfast program featuring **Rabbi John Moscowitz** speaking on Reflections on Mother's Day. Bring your mother, your brother, your spouse or a friend. Service 9 a.m., breakfast 9:30, lecture at 10.

Monday, May 15

MEDICAL FORUM

The Toronto New Leadership Division of Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation presents Neonatology — Towards the Year 2000, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation Mezzanine Hall, with panelists **Dr. Arne Ohlsson**, Women's College Hospital; **Dr. Jonathan Hillman** and **Dr. Martin Post**, the Hospital for Sick Children. Moderator is **Dr. Michael Wilschanski**, Shaare Zedek pediatrician completing a fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Childen. Admission free. 781-3584.

ART AND INSPIRATION

Beth Sholom Sisterhood features Art and Inspiration with **Terri Sugar Keyfitz**, 8 p.m.

PLAYING CHESS WITH DEATH

Adath Israel Congregation's two-part series dealing with death and the meaning of life with **Rev. Kevin Flynn** and **Rabbi Steven Saltzman** continues with the showing of **Ingmar Bergman's** *The Seventh Seal*, 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

ASTHMA ... NOW WHAT?

Parents of Asthmatic Children of Southern Ontario general meeting focuses on Diagnosis: Asthma ... Now What? with nurse **Jacqueline Gecemia**, Hospital for Sick Children Asthma Clinic, 8 p.m. Hugh MacMillan Rehabilitation Centre, 350 Rumsey Rd. **Elaine Rose**, 905-881-8146.

BIALIK SCIENCE FAIR

Bialik Hebrew Day School recently held its annual Science Fair. Shown are Grade 7 students Rachel Gropper (left) and Mariel Heller, who investigated factors affect-

Tuesday, May 16

JERUSALEM: WHOSE CAPITAL?

Aish HaTorah presents **David Luchins**, senior assistant to U.S. **Sen. Daniel Moynihan**, who will bring an insider's view of the political situation in Israel in his talk, Jerusalem: Whose Capital Is It?, 8 p.m., The Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. Pre-registration. Village Shul members $5, $7 at door. To register 636-7530.

SEFIRAH: DOES IT REALLY COUNT?

Lunch and learn at Ohr Somayach's Downtown Learning Centre with guest lecturer **Rabbi Baruch Taub** of Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, who discusses Sefirah: Does It Really Count? at 12:30 p.m., 18 King St. E., Suite 1603. Lunch $10. RSVP 905-886-5730.

GROWING UP SEXUAL

At Shaar Shalom Sisterhood's meeting **Sue Johanson** will talk about Growing Up Sexual, 7:30 p.m. at the synagogue, 2 Simonston Rd., Thornhill.

STOP DIETING & START LIVING

The Kosher Cooking School of the Kashruth Council of Toronto features a seminar and discussion on Stop Dieting and Start Living with dietician/nutritionist **Sharon Gottlieb**, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Fee $15. To register 635-9550.

Ellen Cannon

SPONSOR LUNCHEON

At State of Israel Bonds Women's Division annual Sponsor Luncheon, special guest **Ellen Cannon**, public policy analyst, political scientist and vice-president of American Jewish Congress, Midwest, will speak on The Five Ingredients to Perpetuate Judaism for the Next Millennium. Admission is a minimum 1995 State of Israel Bond purchase plus $40 couvert. Information/reservation **Rose Shapiro**, 789-3351.

Wednesday, May 17

BUILDING A STRONG ISRAEL

At Beth Tikvah Synagogue, the Frances Bitterman Trust Fund presents **Ben Proosin**, executive director, Ontario region, Jewish National Fund of Canada, who speaks on Building a Strong and Beautiful Israel; 8 p.m. at the synagogue.

FAMILIES OF GAYS & LESBIANS

Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple, Enkin Boardroom. For information, call in confidence 763-9111.

BOOK LAUNCH

The launching of **Abraham Arnold's** latest book, *Judaism*, from the religious to the secular, takes place 7:30 p.m. at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre, 750 Spadina Ave., with guest speaker **Irving Abella**, president, Canadian Jewish Congress, and a meet-the-author reception. Co-sponsors are Jewish Book Committee of Toronto, Secular Jewish Association, United Jewish Peoples Order, Canadian Jewish Historical Society and Bloor JCC.

BETH TZEDEC SERIES

At 7:15 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Congrega-

tion. **David Newman's** series, Planning Israel, concludes with Jerusalem; **Yaacov Glickman's** series, Jewish Identity by the Year 2000, concludes with Outlook for Survival; **Maxine Blendis** speaks on Moses and the Ten Commandments; and storyteller **Leslie Robbins** discusses Stories of the Next World.

Thursday, May 18

ISRAEL'S SECURITY

Maj.-Gen. (Res.) Shlomo Gazit, co-founder of Israel's National Security College, will discuss Redefining Israel's Security: Myths and Realities, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. Admission free.

Brian Crabb

AROUND THE WORLD

Singer/entertainer **Brian Crabb** performs his Around the World concert with the North York Concert Orchestra conducted by **Gennady Gefter** for the benefit of Baycrest Centre, 8 p.m. Earl Haig Auditorium. Tickets $10, seniors and students $8.

And What Else Is New...

THE JOY OF LEARNING

The Women's Institute of Torah Study offers The Joy of Learning (for women only) Mondays, May 15-June 26 at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue —

The World of Maimonides, **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** begins with Why is It Imperative That We Believe in Free Choice?, 10-11 a.m.

A Feminine Look at the Five Books of Moses with **Chana Weisberg**, dean of the Women's Institute, opens with The Sabbatical and Jubilee Years and the Consciousness They Represents in Modern Times, 8-9 p.m.

The Real You — Everything You Always Wanted to Know About the Jewish Woman opens May 15 with A Woman's Role in Marriage — Passive or Pro-Active, with marriage counsellor **Sheri Wise**, 9-10 p.m.

Cost is $20 per course, $5 each session. Registration/information 905-881-2012.

NCSY SENIOR CONVENTION

National Conference of Synagogue Youth's senior regional convention takes place Victoria Day weekend, May 19-22, at Olympia Village. 782-4426.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM PLAYGROUP

Shaarei Shomayim Playgroup, for children born in 1993, has a few openings for September 1995. Program includes arts and crafts, music, Shabbat and holidays. Call **Ellise** 785-6638.

AISH HATORAH LECTURES

Your People Will Be My People — The Book of Ruth, an In-depth Exploration, four-part series with **Rabbi Yosef Michalowicz**, Monday, May 15; Tuesdays, May 23 and 30 at The Village Shul, 884

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

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Eglinton Ave. W., and Wednesdays, May 17-31, Aish HaTorah Thornhill, The Promenade Mall, Suite 303. $5. each class.

Insights Into Prayer — How to Get Your Prayers Answered. **Michael Separate**, Monday, May 15, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill. Admission free.

The Revealing Truth About Modesty (for women). **Evelyne Keslassy**, Tuesday, May 16, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill. Admission free.

RABBI ELIEZER DIAMOND

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents the Moshe Weisfeld Memorial Lectures on the theme Navigating the Shoals of Life: Guidance from the Sea of the Talmud with **Rabbi Eliezer Diamond**, associate professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, Jewish Theological Seminary, who will speak Thursday, May 11, 8 p.m. on Letting Go: Jewish Views on Euthanasia, and will deliver the pulpit lecture at Shabbat services, Saturday, May 13, 9 a.m. on Parents and Children: Talmudic Perspectives. No charge for lectures.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service Groups — Looking Ahead (for separated and divorced persons, begins May 11); For Women Only (self-esteem strategies for stress management and interpersonal relationships, begins in May); Widows/Widowers Group (coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships, begins May 25). Fees/registration **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800

ARTS PLUS '95

Arts Plus '95, Koffler Centre of the Arts summer program for children ages 8-14, will focus on dance, music and visual art, in two sessions, July 4-27, and July 31-August 24, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fees $540 per session, $525 if registered before May 31. Call **Michelle Pittini** 636-2145 or **Jacque Foesier** 636-1880, ext. 359.

JEWISH LEARNING EXCHANGE

Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd., Suite 203, offers several courses —

Sunday mornings, 9:30-10:30, There's More to Judaism than Lox and Bagels with **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz** continues May 14 with Lag B'Omer: Festival of Mystics. $5 donation suggested for breakfast.

Rabbi Mordechai Becher's Tuesday evening series, Jewish Living Laboratory, continues May 16 with Loshen Hora Ethics of Speech, Part 1, 8-9 p.m.

On Thursday evenings there's a free intermediate Hebrew reading course.

For information on all courses 483-0883.

CELEBRATION OF YIDDISH

Celebration of Yiddish Language/Literature/Song features two events —

An Evening of Yiddish with English translation and discussion Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m. at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W., 12th floor boardroom. Co-presented with **Grace Feuerverger**, Department of Curriculum, OISE; **Frieda Forman**, Women's Educational Resources Centre, OISE; and **Sylvia Lustgarten**, committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Program includes readings from *Found Treasures — Stories by Yiddish Women Writers*, from works of **I.L. Peretz** by **Henia Reinhartz**, and of lyrics of songs of **Mordechaj Gebirtig** by **Manfred Lemm**. Admission free.

A concert Thursday, May 18, 8 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre featuring songs by **Mordechaj Gebirtig** played and sung by **Manfred Lemm**. Co-presented with Holocaust remembrance committee and committee for Yiddish. Tickets $10. Reservations committee for Yiddish 635-2883, ext. 155, or Goethe-Institute 924-3327, or at door.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

York Symphony Youth Orchestra auditions for the 1995/96 season for young musicians, 10-18 years of age, are Wednesdays, May 17 and 24, Toronto Waldorf School, 9100 Bathurst St., Thornhill. Openings available in the brass, percussion and string sections. For audition appointment and information, contact music director/conductor **June Miller**, 905-827-5277.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv 7 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. **David** 256-1600.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., is taking registration for summer courses for adults, teenagers, and pre-teens in beginners, intermediate and advanced conversational Hebrew. Morning courses are Mondays, May 29-August 28, and evening courses run Tuesdays, May 30-August 29. Instructor for beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger**, founder in Toronto of the ulpan method of teaching Hebrew. Call 787-0197.

LIVING WITH CANCER

Canadian Cancer Society presents a five-part Living With Cancer series at Vaughan Bathurst/Clark Library, 900 Clark St., Thursdays 7:15 p.m., starting May 11, with What is Cancer?, and continuing with Medical Treatments May 18; Emotional Support May 25; Healthy Living Tools, June 1; Palliative Care June 8. For information, 1-800-567-4324.

for seniors

A Time For Me, a personal growth workshop for seniors over 55, co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, Senior Care, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Baycrest Centre, with support from Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, begins Tuesday, May 16, for eight weeks. **Ann Gleberzon**, 635-2883, ext. 800.

LZA Seniors Club meets Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave., for socializing including cards. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m. and Ladies Folkdancing meets Thursdays 1:30 p.m. Register now for Stage West in June. **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club announces a new discussion course, a current media event, Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m. weekly to June 26. Mother's Day Luncheon is Tuesday, May 15, 12:30 p.m. Trips — Buffalo, June 13, including locks, canal cruising, kosher lunch, shopping; Art Park *A Most Happy Fellow* July 19 and *Singing in the Rain* August 8; Stratford *The Boyfriend* Sept. 27 and *The Gondoliers* Oct. 25. For information on programs and trips **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book. Donations go to Lamado Hospital in Israel **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Mondays 7 p.m. at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On May 15 **Collean Logue** from North York Health Department discusses Fat and Food. 661-4689.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the boardroom. Next meeting is May 12. Information/registration, **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club activities — group discussion Thursdays 10 a.m.; walking groups Tuesdays 9-10 a.m.; Saturday dance May 13; Sunday dance May 14; movie *The Harvey Girls* Wednesday, May 24. Trips — Kitchener, Wednesday, June 21, with transportation, factory outlets, members $16, non-members $18; Cullen Gardens in Whitby, Thursday, June 29, with transportation, admission, live show, members $12, non-members $15; Catskills at Raleigh Hotel July 24-30. 395-7881.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2, for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. **Viola Landman**, 905-886-2625.

Come with **Young at Heart Seniors** on a five-day trip to Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., May 28, with continental breakfast, air-conditioned bus, tax and gratuities and lots of surprises; $519 double. Also, a 10-day package deal to the Pines Hotel in the Catskills, $1,020 Canadian, medical according to age, July 14-23 (two weekends no extra charge). **Helen** 635-6343.

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Mother's Day Luncheon Wednesday, May 17, at noon, with **Andrey Furs** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**, members $7. Concert only at 1:30 p.m. members $2, non-members $3. Tickets at Information Desk.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre invites you to celebrate Active Living, May 15-18. Try a new activity, choose from dance, fitness, yoga, tai Chi. **Sandra**, 225-2112.

Take a Trip Down Memory Lane with **Brenda Zalken** and reminisce about the "old" young days, Tuesdays, May 16-June 27, 10-11 a.m. Sign up with **Sandra** at Wellness Desk.

Health lecture series presents Healthy Baking with guest chef **Shawna Goodman**, Tuesday, May 16, 1:30 p.m.

The movie *The Sunshine Boys* will be screened Sunday, May 14, 2:30 p.m. Non-members $1.

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Abraham Arnold's latest book, *Judaism*, from the religious to the secular, will be launched in Toronto at Bloor JCC Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m. For details check item under Wednesday, May 17 date.

Senior Adult Services, BJC, presents a panel presentation, Long-term Care Reform and Multi-Service Agency (MSA) Development in the North York Community, an overview of Long-Term Care Reform, implication of MSA and how seniors can get involved in the planning stage, Tuesday, May 16, 1 p.m. **Yvonne** 636-1880.

PARA-CHAPLAINCY GRADUATES

Para-Chaplaincy Training graduates are pictured; front row from left Miriam Cahn, Georgina Paikin, Rita Shahin and Barbara Ann Stein. Second row from left Rabbi Ronald Weiss, director of Chaplaincy Services; Paula Bernstein, Hanna Brown, Margalit Zaig. Back row from left Carl Rees, Harlan Wall (partially hidden), David Rowan, Justin Lewis, Valerie Fox, Denise Levin, Charlotte Caplan. Not shown, Leon Weil, Michael Maister.

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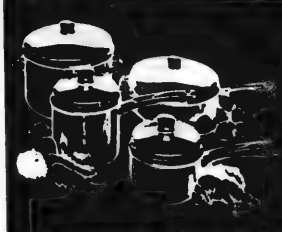
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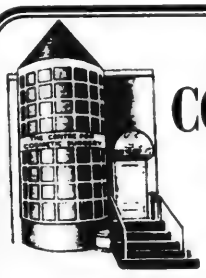

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V.E. Day Memories

Montreal, May 1945: The picture says it all! [CJC archives]

Victory parade in Colombo, May 1945.

War not over but celebrated in Asia

By NAT KAUFMAN

I recall vividly that Landmark Day, VE-Day, May 7, 1945. With mixed emotions, I watched the VE-Day parade in Colombo, Ceylon, as it was known at the time.

Our crew happened to be on leave and were staying at the beautiful Gall Face Hotel, enabling us to relax for a few days before returning to our Squadron at KKS, a jungle base on the north-eastern part of the island. We were part of the RCAF attached to the RAF 160 Squadron.

We were assigned to mine enemy harbors and attack and sink the Japanese ships that were supplying their troops in Burma, Singapore and Sumatra region of Southeastern Asia.

We flew American-made Liberator aircraft. Our trips were long — 16-21½ hours. I was a navigator- bombardier, with the rank of flying officer at the time.

The war for us was not over on May 7, 1945. We still had to engage a most formidable and dangerous foe, the Japanese. It was nearly six months before I returned home to Toronto. After four years of service and over 1,000 operational hours.

I was one of the lucky ones, I arrived home in relatively good health, unlike many of my buddies for whom the Indian Ocean was their final resting place.

Canadian celebrated VE-Day in Tel Aviv

By SAUL BINDMAN

I was a member of the RCAF stationed in the Middle East and spending some time at a Canadian forces rest centre in Tel Aviv on VE-Day.

Rumors of the capitulation of the Nazi armies had been circulating for several days when suddenly the loud speakers situated throughout the city started blaring out the news — "It's all over. VE-Day has arrived!"

Immense excitement started to build; most merchants closed their shops and people literally poured out of their homes. I suddenly found myself linked arm and arm with hundreds of residents, dancing and singing for several hours.

Tears of joy flowed freely, combined with untold sadness in memory of many family members and friends who perished during the Nazi madness in Europe.

As the celebration quieted down, I went to the beach where I was greeted with the most beautiful sight ever: groups of children with day-care counsellors holding hands and wading in and out of the sea in a long line.

I feel very grateful and fortunate to relate this wonderful experience but I have given a great deal of thought to the fate of those little Sabras during past 50 years. They were the vanguard and the heart and soul of the building and defending the wonderful State of Israel.

Saul Bindman with buddies

Teen's birthday present: VE-Day

By RUTH SHEFTMAN DERMER

May 7, 1945, my 17th birthday, was a lovely spring day.

I was sitting in my math class at Strathcona Academy High School. It was my graduation year.

All week long there were rumors

enemy and victory was imminent.

At approximately 10:30 a.m., trucks and jeeps, with honking horns, began roaring down Cote St. Catherine Road. Soldiers were screaming, "It's over, the war is over, we won the war!!" What a moment in time!

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Land confiscation clouds talks with Palestinians

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Arab furor over Israel's plans to confiscate lands in eastern Jerusalem has clouded the Jewish state's already troubled negotiations with the Palestinians.

But Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres is still optimistic the two sides will meet a July 1 deadline for reaching agreement on Palestinian elections and a concurrent Israeli army withdrawal from Arab population centres in the West Bank.

Peres encountered Arab anger over the Israeli move firsthand last Sunday, when he travelled to Cairo for meetings with Egyptian officials and Palestinian negotiators.

He arrived a day after foreign ministers from the 22-member League of Arab States met in Cairo, where they called on the United Nations' Security Council to block the Israeli move.

But Israel rejected the call for a UN meeting, saying the land had to be confiscated from Jews as well as Arabs in order to provide room for the city's growing population.

At its April 30 meeting, Israel's cabinet gave the go-ahead to expropriate some 120 acres of land, about 70 per cent of it Arab-owned. The decision was taken despite stiff opposition of cabinet members from the left-wing Meretz bloc.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin defended the move, saying a territorial link to Jerusalem was needed for the suburbs of Ramot and Gilo, which are located near the projected building sites.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said he hoped Israel would reconsider.

"This plan has sparked a fury in the region," Moussa told reporters Sunday. "We will ask Mr. Peres to change the Israeli decision."

A defiant Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert said he wants to increase the proportion of Jews in the capital.

"This is a Jewish city," Olmert told the Associated Press. "Forget about making any compromise. We have no compromise in mind."

Olmert insisted the city is also planning to build housing for Arabs. But he added, "We are not playing games here. I am not trying to suggest that I want to develop Jerusalem so that hundreds of thousands of Arabs will be able to come here. I don't want them to come here ... I don't think it would be good for the city to mix it more than it is already."

Olmert said he hopes the ratio of Jews in Jerusalem — now about 72 per cent — would increase, and that he is trying to attract Jews to the city. But he said he does not expect the proportions to change drastically in the next 20 years.

Earlier last week, Palestinian Authority (PA) leader Yasser Arafat called the move "sheer aggression ... [and] an attempt to change the Palestinian map."

Despite the plans, Arafat said the peace process must go on.

"We have no alternative but to continue with all our efforts to achieve real peace here in this land, between our two peoples," Arafat said before meeting Peace Now activists at his offices in Gaza.

But his spokesperson told reporters Arafat is "under a lot of pressure" to break off peace talks.

Palestinian negotiator Nabil Sha'ath said the planned land confiscation put the entire peace process, not just the Israeli-Palestinian track, in jeopardy.

And Palestinian official Saeb Erekat described the land moves as "the highest form of terrorism against the Palestinian people."

But Peres tried to play down the differences, telling last Sunday's cabinet meeting that some of the planned construction on the confiscated sites would also benefit the city's Arab population.

Peres also defended the move in Cairo, telling reporters that it "is not a political development.

"It is, if you want, a demographic one" reflecting the growth of Jerusalem," he said.

Peres added that he thought Israeli and Palestinian negotiators would meet their July 1 deadline for an accord on Palestinian elections and Israeli troop withdrawals.

Negotiators on issues surrounding the Palestinian elections have reported progress in their talks. But the more complex negotiations on the army redeployment in the West Bank have been moving far more slowly, amid Israel Defence Force concerns for security in the wake of continuing terror attacks.

Implementation of these two phases of the Palestinian self-rule accord is now almost a year behind schedule. According to the terms of the accord, Palestinian elections should have taken place last July.

Talks between the two sides regarding the final status of Jerusalem are slated to begin in May 1996.

Liberation of Holland

CJN staff reporter Janice Arnold recently returned from the Netherlands, where she took part in a media trip that focused on the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Holland by Canadian troops. Her reports will appear soon.

GRIEF THAT NEVER CEASES

An Israeli woman mourns over the grave of her fallen relative, a scene repeated throughout Israel last week on Yom Hazikaron. [RNS photo]

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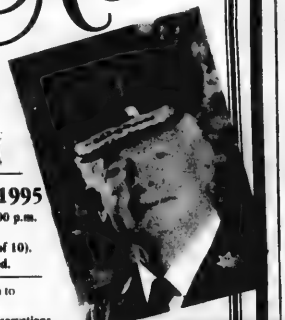
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Former Calgary rabbi helps to boost Jewish education

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — A former Calgary rabbi is spearheading a Bar-Ilan University effort to raise the level of Jewish education worldwide.

The university's Lookstein Centre for Jewish Education, headed by Rabbi Pinchas Hayman, has embarked on an ambitious plan to "save Jewish communities" that are threatened by assimilation.

"The idea is to target the communities most at risk and work together with these communities to revitalize them," explains Rabbi Hayman, who led an Orthodox congregation in Calgary before moving to Israel in 1988.

The Lookstein Centre has gathered information on the world's major Jewish population centres, looking at rates of assimilation, educational facilities and economic resources.

"We used this to develop a strategic plan for intervention in particular communities," says Rabbi Hayman, adding that the centre's top priorities are the communities of Argentina, Brazil and Ukraine.

The first two were chosen because of their large Jewish populations (over 400,000), high rate of intermarriage (nearly 70 per cent), and high proportion of children. Ukraine, which already has a number of Jewish insitutions, was selected in the hope that it can become a foothold for spreading Jewish education in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

Originally, North America was not considered a priority because it has its own resources, Rabbi Hayman says. But many North American communities have approached the Bar-Ilan centre for help in upgrading Jewish education. As a result, the centre has begun offering such services as evaluation of North American schools by educational experts, study programs in Israel for high school students (Grade 10 students of Montreal's Hebrew Academy are to spend part of the year in Israel under the auspices of one such program) and a novel Knesset Israel program for teaching students in the Diaspora about Israeli democracy. In addition, the centre offers a one-year sabbatical for senior educators (see box).

But the Lookstein Centre doesn't "export" standard Israeli-made teaching materials, says Rabbi Hayman. "We tailor make programs for specific communities and involve the educators and leaders of those communities in the process. They set the educational goals and we help them reach them."

Evaluation done by senior Israeli educators

The centre's evaluation is done by senior Israeli educators who are either from the community involved or know it well. The centre then provides a proposal for developing the educational resources of schools, emphasizing teacher training. After undergoing training, the teachers develop their own curriculum and educational materials using the centre as a resource.

"The days of sending Israeli shlichim (emissaries) to Jewish communities around the world are over," says Rabbi Hayman. "You can't market a product in Brazil the same way you would market it in Canada."

Rabbi Hayman believes good marketing is the key to success in Jewish education. "People buy products based on what they perceive as their needs. If they don't feel a need for Jewish identity why should they 'buy' it? Our people have to be market-sensitive because they are selling a product that most people don't even want."

Rabbi Hayman, who became director of the Lookstein Centre in October, says Bar-Ilan University is in an ideal position to service Jewish schools worldwide.

"We have the largest Jewish studies faculty in the world, an excellent school of education and a commitment to the preservation of Jewish heritage," he says.

The university's traditional orientation worries some non-religious educators. "They are concerned about religious extremism," says Rabbi Hayman. "But we are an academic institution, not a group of missionaries. We don't dictate. We work with educators of every Jewish outlook, helping them come closer to Jewish identity in ways that are meaningful to them. If they want to focus on Jewish art, we help them to do that. We don't force them to study prayer as well."

But Rabbi Hayman acknowledges that the Lookstein Centre will not train educators to teach ideas that run counter to its own religious convictions.

The centre's first major outreach project in Sao Paulo, Brazil, began with a contract to remake a single school; it is blossoming into a plan to develop programs for all Jewish communities in Brazil, and, possibly, South America.

"The rate of assimilation around the world is so great that there is no way we can regain even half of those Jews," says Rabbi Hayman. "But we are trying to save whatever can be saved of these shrinking Jewish communities."

Innovations at Lookstein

Sholom Brodt is designing a multimedia program for educating Jewish children in remote communities. Karmi Gross is developing what he believes will be the first high school course in Jewish philosophy.

Brodt, who teaches at Montreal's Herzlia High School, and Gross, the former director of Jewish studies at Vancouver's Maimonides Secondary School, are spending the year in Israel, pursuing their pet projects at the Lookstein Centre for Jewish Education at Bar-Ilan University.

They are among 15 senior educators from around the world taking part in the Centre's Professional Enrichment Program, now in its fifth year.

The program provides an opportunity for experienced educators to spend an academic year in Israel expanding their Judaic knowledge and educational skills, while deepening their connection to Israel. Participants receive full scholarships and a living stipend.

"For me, it is an opportunity to realize one of my dreams," says Brodt. The six-year curriculum he has developed for children age seven to 13 covers subjects from Torah and prayer to Jewish history and Hebrew.

The program, called the Simchat Shlomo Jewish Multimedia School (named after the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach), is suitable for places like Cornwall, Ont., or the Eastern Townships, says Brodt. Jewish leaders in Moncton, N.B., have already expressed interest in it.

"Bar-Ilan's expertise in Jewish education in general and interactive video education in particular was very useful," he says. He is now looking for funding to launch the project.

Gross says the year at the Lookstein Centre has been "an opportunity to continue to widen my horizons."

Of the Jewish philosophy course he developed, he says, "We usually assume students of this age are not up to the intellectual challenge of philosophy. But I have found that they are very receptive and insightful," he says. "I think it's important to teach this aspect of Judaism."

Of his year at the centre, he says, "To really educate students to have a love of Eretz Israel you have to have some of the spirit of Israel in you. So by filling myself up with the spirit of Eretz Israel I can infuse some of that into my students."

— L.F.

May 1:
• The main story in the Israeli media concerned the expropriation of Jerusalem-area land by the government. In expressing his full support of the decision, Prime Minister Rabin stated that he preferred that Arabs not live in the neighborhoods of Gilo and Maaleh Adumim. See the related story on page 33.

May 2:
• *Ha'aretz* reported that a formal plan for redeployment from the West Bank has been drawn up by the IDF. According to the plan, the IDF will redeploy at two month intervals out of Jenin, Tulkarm, Kalkilya, Nablus, Ramallah, and Bethlehem. Hebron was not listed in the plan. Quoting a senior military source, the newspaper said that the Palestinians seemed to agree with it.

• The Bank of Israel stated that the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) continues to expand. During the last three months of 1994 the GDP rose 3.6 percent. The media also reported that foreign currency reserves had increased in April to a record high of $9.5 billion due to the attraction of foreign investment to the country by the high interest rates offered by Israeli banks.

May 3:
• Yom Hazikaron.

• Commemorative ceremonies, attended by President Weizman, Prime Minister Rabin, and IDF Chief of Staff, Lt. General Amnon Shahak, were held at the Western Wall.

• A special 27-hour program was broadcast by Channel 3; all of the names of Israel's war dead were read. Since the War of Independence, 18,220 soldiers have died in active duty.

May 4:
• Yom Ha'atzmaut.

• In honor of the holiday, newspapers do not publish.

• Three people in northern Galilee were injured by Katyusha rockets fired in the night from southern Lebanon. Property was also damaged.

May 5:
• Prime Minister Rabin departed for a weekend visit to Washington. Media report that peace with Syria, negotiations with the Palestinians, U.S. aid to Israel and the containment of Iran will be on the agenda for discussion.

Hussein goes on the offense attempting to bolster peace

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Jordan's King Hussein has gone on the offensive against hardline Jordanian groups opposed to normalizing ties with Israel.

In an effort to bolster support for the peace treaty he signed with Israel in October, the king last week invited members of the opposition from both houses of the Jordanian parliament to meet with him.

Hussein told the parliamentarians he intends to implement the historic accord both in letter and spirit.

Several professional organizations in Jordan have warned their membership not to get too friendly with Israelis.

Late last month, Jordan's National Union of Dentists warned its members they could face possible expulsion for treating Israelis, who often come to Jordan seeking cheaper dental services.

Similar directives against dealings with Israelis have been issued by other Jordanian professional associations, including those for doctors, lawyers and engineers.

Hussein appeared with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in an interview broadcast in Israel last Thursday, on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Rabin called the Israeli-Jordanian peace treaty the greatest achievement of his career. Hussein said he hoped to speed up normalization of ties.

Prime Minister Rabin and King Hussein prepare for a joint television interview in Aqaba to mark Yom Ha'atzmaut. [RNS]

But despite the efforts of both leaders, developments reflect a different view among some Jordanians, more than half of whom are of Palestinian origin.

Israel Television reported that a Jordanian folklore troupe scheduled to participate in a dance festival in Ra'anana cancelled the performance after a Jordanian artists' union threatened to boycott the troupe if it made the visit.

Zagreb evacuation ruled out

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ZAGREB — This city's Jewish community is not planning to evacuate any of its members, despite rumors resulting from last week's attacks by rebel Serbs on Croatia's capital, according to the head of the Zagreb Jewish community.

Dunja Sprajc's comments came shortly after a barrage of Serb missile attacks landed in the heart of the city.

Last Tuesday, shells fell in downtown Zagreb, close to the Jewish community centre and the U.S. embassy. At least five people were killed and more than 100 injured in the attacks.

The Serb attacks came in response to an offensive by the Croatian government earlier in the week, which broke the "permanent ceasefire" signed last year by both groups.

No casualties in the Jewish community were reported. Of the 2,000 Jews in Croatia, about 1,400 live in Zagreb.

Sprajc denied news reports in Israel that the Zagreb community was preparing for the evacuation of Jewish children.

The Jewish Agency for Israel has offered help and suggested that the community prepare lists of children in the event of an evacuation.

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Na'amat News

Na'amat Talks to Israeli Women Soldiers About Domestic Violence

An often intense seminar on domestic violence sponsored by Na'amat Israel and CHEN, the Women's Army Corps, was an eye opener for the 200 women soldiers who attended, shattering the attitude "It can't happen to me."

The soldiers, who were taking officer's training courses, heard a panel of speakers comprised of Na'amat attorney, Daphne Boostan who spoke on Battered Women and the Law and Criminologist, Ronit Lev Ari, Director of Na'amat's Centres for the Prevention of Domestic Violence, who talked about Na'amat's role. Lev Ari reported that some 4000 non-commissioned and commissioned officers had taken part in Na'amat sponsored seminars on domestic violence. This generated 128 requests for counselling. Yaakov Raz, Police Commander of the Dan region dealt with police personnel's contribution to stopping the cycle of violence.

The all-day program provided information on what is being done to prevent and put a stop to domestic violence, on how to detect danger signs, where to turn for help and the role of government agencies, emergency facilities and the police. Each soldier was given a kit that included along with other material, Na'amat's brochures "Before the Battering" and "After the Battering."

Na'amat Canada Helps Build Women's Shelter and Counselling Centre

Na'amat Canada is raising funds to build a battered women's shelter in the Maoz Aviv neighborhood of Tel Aviv. The project, now underway, will house 18 women and their children along with a counselling centre with a 24-hour hot-line. The building will include consultation and treatment rooms as well as a library. Each year, the Na'amat Centre for the Prevention of Domestic violence receives about 5000 inquiries from battered women - 2000 of that number from the Tel Aviv area. Na'amat Canada will underwrite 50 percent of the building costs with the Tel Aviv Foundation. The Facility will be run under the directorship of Ronit Lev Ari.

In the Schools

Na'amat Israel's Prevention of Violence Department has expanded its education programme to reach into the public schools. Work has begun with teachers instructing them how to identify and deal with suspected child abuse. An informational booklet written by Ronit Lev Ari, criminologist and head of the department and Bruria Vionitz, a retired expert teacher was published by Na'amat Israel. Curriculum guidelines were introduced to help children learn to control violent abusive outbursts which are harmful to themselves and other children. Still in the pilot stage, this programme will be expanded to incorporate more and more schools.

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Jewish groups urge Ottawa to continue process

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Department to Citizenship and Immigration.

"We think it is a significant step forward," said Canadian Jewish Congress president Irving Abella.

"It would be inconceivable to halt the process now that the war crimes dossier has received unprecedented momentum. One day more in Canada for any of these alleged war criminals is one day too many."

Sol Littman, the Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said that while he congratulates Justice Minister Allan Rock and Citizenship and Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi "for keeping their word and proceeding with some degree of despatch against these people ... I feel this is a piece of tokenism."

"We must not stop now," agreed David Matas, chair of B'nai Brith's war crimes committee. "The accumulation of cases shows there are still a significant number of people in Canada who are suspected of involvement in war crimes and crimes against humanity."

Dueck, a 76-year-old retired auto mechanic, is represented by Ottawa lawyer Donald Bayne. Bayne earlier represented accused war criminal Michael Pawlawski against charges of murdering 490 Jews and Poles during World War II.

The government's case against Pawlawski fell apart in 1992 when a judge refused to permit an evidence-gathering commission to travel to the Soviet Union to videotape witnesses' testimony.

In a letter to Citizenship and Immigration, Bayne asks why his client is being subject to denaturalization proceedings when the allegations against him "should properly be the subject of a Canadian prosecution subject to the requirements and criminal law standards of...the Criminal Code."

"Given the government's success with the criminal route, no wonder he wants the government to prosecute under the criminal law," Littman commented.

Liberal MP Walt Lastewka (St. Catharines), however, agreed with Bayne, saying "I'm uncomfortable going through the immigration route instead of the criminal law route."

In a telephone interview with *The CJN*, Lastewka said "I feel very uncomfortable that we're going back 50 years...How are we going to go forward? These are people in their 70s and 80s."

Lastewka, who is of Ukrainian heritage, said he holds that view even though one of his uncles, Walter Luchka, was killed in Auschwitz. Other uncles and cousins were "massacred" during World Wars I and II, he said.

Congress Plenary

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Hecht has allowed others to sell his virtues to the electorate. A letter signed by prominent community leaders like Irwin Kotler, Jack Cummings, Senator Leo Kolber, Sheila Kussner and Joseph Benarroch extols Hecht as being able to "inspire us" as an accomplished businessman, experienced in all aspects of Jewish communal life and in academia."

They claim Hecht has provided "direction and vision while always encouraging dialogue and diversity of opinion in building consensus on behalf of our community. He is an effective voice for all of us in Canada and abroad."

Hecht and Hershon are scheduled to take part in a meet-the-candidates session on the first day of the plenary, May 14 at 5:45 p.m. The actual format had not been determined by last week, said communications director Mike Cohen, but there was no intention of having Hershon and Hecht engage in face-to-face dialogue.

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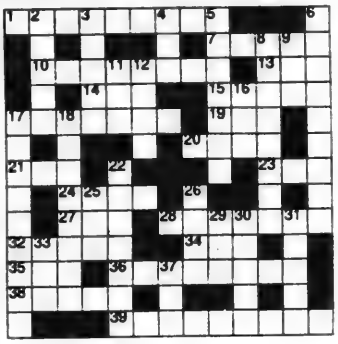

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1 Ask me no - and I'll tell you no lies
7 Palmach founder who became Foreign Minister in 1974
10 Jordan turned and ran -
13 Cuckoo
14 Apple
15 Post supporting handrail at bottom of staircase
17 One's own self
19 Ever (poetic)
20 Small island
21 Away
23 Eastern flute
24 Yard
27 Danube city
28 Not used in Passover
32 Revene
34 Mouths
35 Age
36 Martinet
38 Moving part of a DC electric motor
39 A type of terrier

22 These glands are exocrine glands
25 The gums
26 Sound made to motion animals away
29 Curved part
30 Advance
31 Educate
33 Aussie jumper
37 Pitch

DOWN

2 Pope who started the Crusades
3 Foot coverings
4 Each ovary has about three hundred thousand of these
5 Dejection
6 Mordecai - lead the Warsaw Ghetto uprising
8 Advisor to Emir Faisal at the Peace Conference at Versailles
9 Part of binary code
11 Jackdaw
12 Aaron Aaronshohn discovered this much sought after wheat
16 Elongated fish
17 The more laws, the more -
18 Beauty is - even when silent

Answers for May 4

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

The Tel Aviv Museum of Art has opened an exhibition of never-before viewed drawings by Italian painter and sculptor Amadeo Modigliani. Born into an Italian Jewish family, Modigliani moved to Paris at 22, where he was influenced by Toulouse-Lautrec, Picasso, Cezanne, and sculptor Constantin Brancusi before dying of tuberculosis at 35. The 180 pieces in this exhibit represent Modigliani's early artistic efforts from 1906 to 1914.

The Tel Aviv Museum of Art is the largest such museum in Israel, with several permanent collections and about 15 temporary exhibitions each year. When the museum first opened to the public 63 years ago, it was located in the home of Tel Aviv's first mayor, Meir Dizengoff. It has since expanded significantly in order to acommodate 450,000 visitors a year. The museum is located at 27 Shaul Hamelech Blvd. Phone: 03-695-7361.

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Trade Shows of Interest: Israel Expo '95, the Israel trade and cultural exposition, takes place May 21 to 26 at the 7th Regiment Armory in New York City. As well, the first International Exhibition on Technology and Productivity occurs June 13 to 15 in Tel Aviv, and the Fifth Business Forum occurs June 19 to 22 in Haifa. For more details, contact Consul Benjamin Noy at the Israel Economic Mission to Canada, 416-961-1242.

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Mexico City Jewish Singles: Hands Across the Sea, Inc., presents a weekend for Jewish singles ages 25 to 50 in Mexico City, June 8 to 11. The weekend includes three nights at the Plaza Florencia in the lively Zona Rosa tourist area, a half-day tour of Mexico City, an Oneg Shabbat at Temple Bet-El, a visit to Xochimilco national park, and other activities.

Hands Across the Sea has also organized a Jewish singles cruise to the Greek Islands and Turkey for July 31 to August 7. For details, contact Joni Diamond of Balboa Plaza Travel, 9028½ Balboa Blvd., Northridge, Calif. 91325. Phone: 818-832-9941.

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Peak Periods in Paris: The Paris Tourist Office publishes a guide for choosing one's dates while visiting the French capital. For 14 consecutive years, Paris has hosted more conferences and conventions than any other city in the world, resulting in a need for hotel reservations at certain busy times. The Paris Tourist Office strongly recommends reservations for the following peak periods: June 10 to 19, July 1 to 3, and all of September, the first three weeks of October, and Nov. 7 to 11. The balance of July and August is a low season when rates can be negotiated.

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Cashing in on golf's growth

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Joshua Cooper can't believe all the free publicity he's been getting.

When Blue Jays manager Cito Gaston was asked what he thought about the baseball strike, the media had to track him down on a golf course in Florida.

When reporters located basketball great Michael Jordan for an interview, they found him getting ready to play a round of golf on a sunny, southern course.

When kids see their heroes getting ready to tee off, the message comes across that it's cool to be a golfer, Cooper believes.

That's probably one of the fac-

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By RUTH SCHWEITZER
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With the exception of some unique in-house products, today's full service investment firms are able to offer investors investment choices and services that are basically comparable.

It is, therefore, extremely important to select an investment adviser who is qualified and willing to provide the kind of individual service to meet your needs, says Hal Simons, vice-president and investment adviser at **Richardson Greenshields'** Richmond Hill branch. This includes preliminary discussions and the development of personalized investment strategies, regular communication, accessibility and ongoing timely information.

Educating clients to fully understand their investments and any risks involved is a priority and one of the major responsibilities of an investment adviser, Simons says. This can be accomplished by telephone coversations, face-to-face meetings and information sent by fax or mail.

Until recently, most husbands took care of the family investments and their wives had limited investment knowledge. Simons feels that women should become informed and aware of investments.

He regularly holds a series of free seminars for women (men are also welcome) at which he discusses investment terms, investment options, investment planning, risk and volatility, interest and dividend income, Registered Retirement Savings Plans (RRSP) and tax-assisted investments. "I try to take the mystery out of investing," he said.

Simons keeps the seminars small — usually from 10 to 14 people — to encourage participation and questions. He invites *CJN* readers to contact him at 905-882-1627 if they wish to attend.

Simons spends most of his time meeting with current and future clients, either at his office or in their offices or homes. He assesses their current financial situation and discusses their short-term and longer term goals, their risk tolerance and their level of investment knowledge.

There are numerous investment strategies, he said, which can be tailored to achieve financial goals by using combinations of individual equities, mutual funds and the Sovereign Investment Program offered by Richardson Greenshields.

Nathan Mechanic (416-365-5570), an investment adviser at the downtown Richardson Greenshields' branch, is excited about the Sovereign Investment Program, which is now a little more than two years old.

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Institutional money managers aim for consistent above average, long-term growth and consistent returns; the more volatile the investment, the more likely that a downturn in the markets will wipe out any previous gains. Sovereign assets are invested in a mix of Canadian, U.S. and international equities, as well as Canadian fixed income.

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Business & Finance

Cashing in on golf

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tors responsible for the growth of his business, Par Golf Camps. In the three years since it opened, registration has shot up from 28 youngsters in the inaugural season to more than 100 last summer. This year Cooper expects the camp to be sold out with 160 golfers registered.

Cooper, 25, is the owner, manager, secretary, head pro and chief bottle-washer of the Toronto-area golf enterprise. The camp offers instruction in the fundamentals of golf, giving kids 7-18 the opportunity to start their careers on the right foot (unless they're using a short iron, in which case they'll have to put a little more weight on the left).

Cooper believes several additional factors are working to make Par Golf Camps a success. One is the phenomenal growth in popularity of the game itself. Last year, golf grew by 17 per cent in Ontario with more than 110,000 junior golfers taking up the sport.

Citing statistics from U.S. golf magazines, Cooper pointed out that "from 1995 to the year 2000, 20 million North Americans will take up golf for the first time." In addition, parents who love the game want to introduce their kids to it, Cooper said.

At $399 for a two-week session, the cost is affordable. The price includes instruction, use of clubs, range balls and green fees for two 18-hole games.

Fees at American camps, by comparison, begin at $850 per week (U.S.), he points out.

Kids are bussed into the camp around 9.15 a.m. Instruction begins with emphasis on grip, alignment and posture and moves on to chipping, pitching, sandplay and hitting longer clubs. There is also a segment on the rules and etiquette of golf.

The camp is located at the Annandale Golf & Country Club and the kids practise in a large open field and at the driving range. Once a week, they play a full 18 holes.

Last year, Cooper expanded his venture into adult camps. Grown-up duffers and those wishing to polish their games are offered a three-day weekend program at either Annandale or the Royal Woodbine Golf Club.

With a four-to-one student to teacher ratio, the camp provides expert instruction by carded professionals, Cooper said. Participants play a round of golf each afternoon. Cost for the program at Annandale is $275, at Royal Woodbine, $375.

Operating a golf camp came naturally to Cooper, in fact, it's almost in his blood. His grandfather, Michael Lawrence, owned Annandale and his uncle, Michael Lyons, is the current club manager.

Cooper began hitting golf balls at nine but he took the game more seriously at around 18. Four years later, he got his pro teaching card from the U.S. Golf Teachers Association.

Expansion planned

A graduate of an international business program, Cooper found job hunting tough and, "I thought, if I'm going to do something, I'd have to come up with something on my own."

A "graduate" of Camp Timberlane, where he was camper, counsellor and coordinator, he hit on the idea of using the open field at Annandale to stage his own golf camp, bringing together three elements of his life — camper, golfer and businessman.

With the success of the venture, Cooper hopes to expand to four junior camps in the Toronto-Hamilton area in the next few years. He's also acquired the exclusive Manitoba and Ontario distribution rights for Nitelite products, luminescent balls and pegs that can be used to play night golf.

For as any true golfer knows, nothing as mundane as nightfall should get in the way of a good round of golf.

Scitex, Xerox in strategic relationship

JERUSALEM — Xerox Corp. and Scitex Corp. last week announced a strategic relationship that will enable both firms to advance their positions in the short-run digital color printing marketplace.

Under the agreement, the companies will share core technological competencies and market expertise. The first offering will be a printing system, to be distributed by Scitex, that incorporates its digital front end and provides productive workflow management with a high speed full color print engine developed by Fuji Xerox.

Polaroid may invest in Israel

JERUSALEM — Polaroid Corp. is considering a number of business opportunities with local print technology firms following a recent visit to the country by president and chair Macallister Booth.

Booth was part of a delegation of leading CEOs from the United States. During his stay, Booth met with Scitex, Indigo, I-sight and Elgotech.

Booth said he was very impressed with the companies he visited. "They are first-class companies, first-class technologies and people," he said. "I don't see these companies losing their competitive edge."

Foreign currency reserves hit new high

JERUSALEM — Israel's foreign currency reserves grew by $566 million (US) last month to a record $9.51 billion, the Bank of Israel said.

The increase is attributed to the continuing purchase of Israeli shekels in recent months, which resulted from high domestic interest rates enacted by the central bank to suppress inflation.

U.K. company buys Bezek shares

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Cable & Wireless (C & W) confirmed last week that it was the buyer of a 7.01 per cent stake in Bezek. C & W released a statement saying it had bought the stake for $63 million (US), which will entitle it to appoint one director to Bezek's board.

C & W purchased a 4.7 per cent stake previously and additional purchases brought the stake up to 7.01 per cent. Lord Young said his company was "pleased to have established this strategic shareholding in advance of the government's announcement about its further plans for the company.

"Our aim is to build on this initial investment and secure a strategic partnership with Bezek for the further development of telecommunication services in Israel."

Young added that acquisition of the Bezek stake was the first step in the longer-term aim of creating for C & W a fourth region of strategic significance, along with the Far East (where it owns Hong Kong Telecom), Europe and the Caribbean.

He said he anticipated significant growth in the demand for telecommunications following the PLO-Israel peace accord.

The purchase remained a mystery before the announcement last week. Till then, Britain's second biggest telecommunications company only issued a "no comment" when speculation arose.

This purchase is one of the more interesting developments in recent Israeli corporate and capital market history. It means that one of the world's telecommunications giants, is effectively stating that it is interested in at least a strategic stake in — and very possibly control of — Bezek. And that statement is not via some press release or cheap talk, but via an aggressive, anonymous stock market purchase.

Consequently, the Israeli government's apparent indifference to the share purchase is puzzling. There is nothing wrong with C & W's buying the stock or indeed taking control of Bezek should things so unfold. But it is indicative of how little the government understands the capital market that it seems barely aware of the development.

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Arts

Homegrown actor makes good

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's a case of hometown boy makes good for Avery Saltzman, playing the male lead in the musical *Into The Woods* by Stephen Sondheim, which runs at St. Lawrence Centre to May 20.

Saltzman plays the pivotal role of The Baker in a story based on famous fairy tales with adult messages about how to treat others.

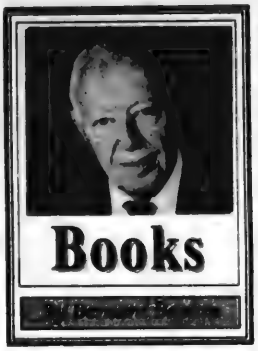
The Toronto character actor and singer is excited about appearing in his first Sondheim production, particularly since he believes the message of *Into The Woods* can be related to the Holocaust and the partisans who went into the woods to fight back.

Saltzman recalls with fondness his appearances in plays at the Yiddish Theatre in New York, including *The Dybbuk*. He worked for two years in New York and two years in Los Angeles.

An actor since the age of 13, he says his parents, Pearl and George Saltzman of Thornhill, have been very supportive. His father, now 77, is semi-retired but still works in the family's licensed clothing business run by Avery's brothers, Marsh and Lorne. One of Avery's five nephews, 13-year-old Joshua, also has his eye on show business as a director.

Next up for Saltzman is a role as the clothing designer in the Toronto production of *Sunset Boulevard*.

Avery Saltzman shines in his role as the baker in *Into The Woods*



And They Shall Be My People: An American Rabbi and His Congregation by Paul Wilkes

What is it like to serve as rabbi to a middle-size Conservative congregation in Worcester, Mass.? This is what Paul Wilkes, a Catholic journalist, wanted to discover. So, he spent a year with 42-year-old Rabbi J. Rosenbaum, documenting his hard-working daily round of activities, watching in admiration as the rabbi tried — largely unsuccessfully — to stem the tide of congregational assimilation and apathy.

The rabbi is harried and frustrated. In his 60-hour week he counsels a couple who want to raise their baby as a Jew though the expectant mother has no desire to convert to Judaism; leads an acculturation class for Russian immigrants; officiates at a ritual circumcision of the son of marginally observant Jews; visits a congregant dying of Alzheimer's; hustles to get congregants to join a trip to Israel that he is leading; tells a tale about a Hebrew-speaking parakeet to the Jewish day school's nursery school class; and haggles with the synagogue's board of directors over a new contract.

In sum, the rabbi takes on the role of social worker, pastoral advisor, school principal and guide to the intricacies of Jewish law. He is also compelled to deal with matters beyond his competence and training, such as the complicated budgetary needs and problems of his 550-member congregation.

In a recent interview, the author commented on disquieting symptoms he had noted in his survey of congregational life. "Many members," he said, "tend to regard the synagogue the same way as they do the country club. They feel they're paying dues in return for service and you'd better provide it." And then there is the squabbling. "Yes," said Wilkes, "Christian churches suffer from the same thing, but I've never — never —

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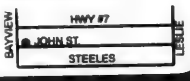

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seen it happen the way I did at Beth Israel." He admits that perhaps he didn't understand the traditional Jewish penchant for argumentation.

Rabbi Rosenbaum told the author, "It takes a great effort to be a Jew today, to come to shul, to observe Shabbat. We're Americans. We don't like to be told we have to do anything." But he insists, "The laws, the mitzvot, give your life a structure, make it more meaningful. The rituals draw a person closer to God, connecting people to other people who have the same goals. That's what gives it extra power and gives you confidence; you are part of a community of history . . . It's pressure-filled, anxiety provoking. But it is ultimately exhilarating."

Wilkes follows the rabbi on a congregational tour to Israel. There had been a controversy as to whether younger members should travel with older ones and with the rabbi. Would they be hampered by slower travellers or by the rabbi who might force them to endure a "religious" trip.

The portrait of the rabbi presented is that of a person imbued with ideals and confronted with a largely uninvolved and often unsympathetic congregation.

The depiction of the Worcester congregation seems somewhat overdrawn and negative. In my experience, congregational life has never seemed so spiritually enervated or meanspirited. Nevertheless, this is a sober analysis that should be of widespread concern. It is tragic enough that two-thirds of American Jewry is unaffiliated. Will so many in the remaining third remain alienated and indifferent?

The author's reporting is lucid and respectful, fact-filled and absorbing. Perhaps the final words belong to him. When asked about the future of Judaism, he replied, "Well, He's an old God with a sense of humor, and He's going to be around, and Judaism is going to be around. We're not talking about extinction."

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Shirley's Kidz at Beth El: *From Broadway to Beth El* is the program Shirley's Kidz — Bonnie, Martin and Marci — have lined up for their guest appearance in the auditorium of the Beth El Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. (at Bathurst), North York, on May 15 at 1 p.m. The trio will perform Broadway favorites, including material from *Fiddler On The Roof*. $2 admission ($1 for members) includes refreshments.

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An Evening of Yiddish: Taking place at the OISE Building, this event features Yiddish readings with English translation and discussion. Co-presenters are Grace Feuerverger and Frieda Forman of OISE and Sylvia Lustgarten of the Committee for Yiddish. Readings include stories from *Found Treasures: Stories By Yiddish Women Writers* (1994); selections from Yiddish writer I.L. Peretz read by Henia Reinhartz; and lyrics by Mordechaj Gebirtig, read and discussed by Manfred Lemm. OISE 12th-floor boardroom, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. Admission free.

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Songs of Mordechaj Gebirtig: If the Yiddish evening described above leaves you wanting more, then you must attend *The Songs of Mordechaj Gebirtig*, played and sung by Manfred Lemm, at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St., on May 18 at 8 p.m.

Gebirtig (1877-1942), a carpenter from Krakow, is considered one of the most important poets in the folklore of Yiddish songs. His songs mirror the life of Eastern European Jews with their joys and sorrows, up to and including the political and personal horrors of the war years. Gebirtig was murdered by Nazi thugs.

Lemm, a German singer born in Berlin in 1946, has researched and performed Gebirtig's music for more than 10 years. To date Lemm has transcribed over 90 texts, setting some to new music. The initiator and organizer of a European Yiddish Festival, he is credited with having saved the works of Gebirtig from oblivion.

Tickets are $10. For reservations, call the Committee for Yiddish at 416-635-2883 ext. 155, or the Goethe Institute at 416-924-3327. Tickets also available at the door.

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School Play: The poignant comedy, *Today I Am A Fountain Pen*, by Israel Horovitz is being presented at T.L. Kennedy Secondary School, 100 Hurontario St., Mississauga, May 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Formerly part of a CBC-TV trilogy, *I Am A Fountain Pen* is based on stories by author Morley Torgov. It deals with Jewish home life in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., in the 1940s and specifically the coming of age of Irving Yanover, a precocious, musically-gifted preteen.

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Some of the artists presented would be labeled by Nazi propaganda of the 1930s as "degenerate" and "dangerous" to the Aryan ideal of family and femininity. About half of the women whose works are featured in the exhibition are known to be Jewish.

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In Brief: Jazz violinist Lenny Solomon performs a free concert at the Waterfall Stage, First Canadian Place, Toronto, at 12:15 p.m. May 25. 416-862-0803.

Composers Judith Weir and Linda Bouchard conduct the Gryphon Trio, Maria Berard, Stephen Clarke, Robert Cram, Douglas Perry and the Encounters Chamber Ensemble during Encounters '95. The event is presented by Soundstreams Canada and CBC Stereo's *Two New Hours*. Glenn Gould Studio, Toronto, May 16 at 8 p.m. For tickets ($15), call 416-205-5555.

Composers take note that the Toronto Arts Council grants application deadline is July 4. Phone: 416-392-6800.

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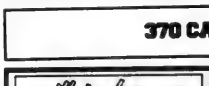

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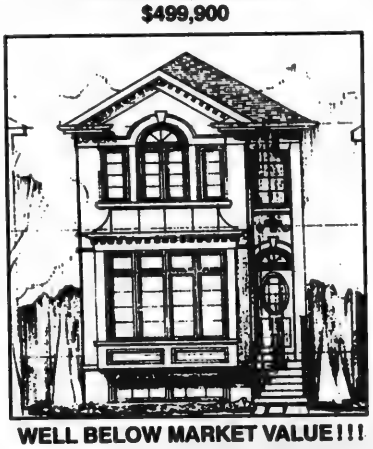

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אַ טייל פון די על-פי-נס לעבנסבלישעט איז באַפרייט געוואָרן אין יאַנואַר; אַ טייל אין אַפריל; אָבן אַ טייל אין מאַי פון 1945. מיט, מיין מאַשער ע"ז אָבן אין, זייַנען נעוחען צוריק צו לעבעט, נעמוזט האַרט ביזן אַסגלייכן פּוּנקט פון דער מלחמה, צו באַקומען אַנדזער פרייהייט.

אין אָהט פון 8-טן מאַי, 1945, האָבן די סאָוועטישע אַרמיי באַפרייט דעם לאַגער טעוועזשאָנאָם, וואו מיר, צוזאַמען מיט טויזענטער אַנדערע, האָבן „פאַרבראַנט" די לעצטע חדשים פון אַנדזער פאַשיסטישן מחנה. בלויז צו האָבן אַ מיר זייַנען נעוחען צוזאַמען זיי צו זען, וואָלט זיכער נישט דערקלערט אַנדזערע אמתע שפּיל אין יענעם מאָמענט. די „שקלאַפן" האָבן נעוויינט, נעלאַכט, נעזונגען, נעמאַכט, זיך נעקושט מיט די סאָלדאַטן, אָבן נעקושט אייַנער דעם אַנדערן. מיר האָבן באַקומען פון זיי שטיקער בראָט, שאָקאָלאַד, פאַפּיראָסן אָבן אַנדערע לוקסוס זאַכן, וואָס מיר האָבן שוין יאָרן נישט נעזען.

דען מיר זייַנען צוריק אַריינגעקומען אין אונדזער „שטובע", האָבן מיר זיך אַוועקגעזעצט אָבן זיך צוזויינט אויפן קול. איך האָב נישט אויפּ-מאַל פּרעמ נעוויינט, צוליב התגבר, קעלט, קלעפ אָבן שוועריע אַרבעט. אָבער דאָס איז נעוחען צום עוושטן מאָל, וואָס איך האָב נעוחן מיין מאַמען וויינען. עד האָט אויך זיכער מיל מאָל נעוויינט, אָבער קיינמאָל נישט אין מיין קעגנוואַרט. עד האָט מסתמא נישט נעוואָלט מאַך מער סאַרטיעריען מיין לעבן.

די אינטימקע סיטואַציע, עטלעכע שעה נאָך דער באַפרייאונג, זייַנען נע-וחען אַ נעמיש פון פּריידז אָבן סדייַר. די פּריידז איז נעקומען מיטן באַ-האַוסטיין, אַז מיר האָבן עמלעך „באַזיצט" דעם שוהא אָבן צוריק נעוחאָבן פּריע מעבטשן. דער סדייַר איז נעקומען, קודם כל, פון דער אומזיכערקייַט וועגן גורל פון מיין מאַמען אָבן שוועסטער, פון וועלכע מיר זייַנען נעוחן צעשיידט אַ לענגערע צייַט. (מיר האָבן שפּעטער זיך דערוואוסט, אַז זיי זייַנען אויך, דאַנקען גאָט, אַפּנעראַשטנדט נעוחאָבן אָבן נעוחן צוריק צו באַפרייט אין יאַנואַר פון יאָר עלבן פון עלבן יאָר).

דער נעוויין איז אויך נעוחן וי אַ רעזולטאַט פון דער אומבאַהאַלט-קייט אין יענער שעה. אָבן זיי האָבן צוויי לענגערע „מיטן", צוויי סקעלעטן, אויסגעהונגערטע, אָפּגערייסענע, אויסגעמוטשעטע, אָבן אַ בליק אויף דער צוקונפט, אָבן אַ בריקל האָפענונג אָבן אַן אָנזייַן וואָהין צו שטעלן די ערשטע טריט. עס איז מיר דאָך נעקומען אויפן נעדאַנק אַ באַקאַנטער צימאַס פון ת. נ. ב: ביאַליק'ס פאַמע „אין שוויטע-שטאָב":

„. . . נאָס האָס דיך מיט מילדער האָנט נעשעוקט א
צוויליגע / אַ שוויטה מיט אַ פּוילינע". . .

דער „פּוילינע" פון 1945 איז אַקעג נעוחן אַ שייַנער, אַ וואַרעמער. דער חורש מאַי, מיט זיינע זונען-שטראַלן, האָט נעמאַכט צו די נעוח-סעוועטע: „וואַרעמט אַן אייערע ביינער. זיי דאַרפן די וואַרעמקייט, כדי צו קענען זאַמלען אַ ביסל מליש אונטער דער הויט". מאַך איז אויך תמיד נעוחן אַסאַזיאירט מיט האָפענונג, און דאָס האָט מאַקע יעדערר פון אונדז באַדאַרפט אין גרויסע מאָס.

די „שוויטה" האָט נאָך דעמאָלט אונדז נישט נעוחיין דאָס מאָמאָלע בילד פון דער סראַצעדיע. מיר האָבן נעוואוסט וועגן אומגעבראַכטע יידן אין די הנדערטער; מיר האָבן אַליין צוגעזען דעם טיש פון קרובים, פּריינד, באַקאַנטע און טאָם יידן. אָבער קיינער פון אונדז איז טעוע-וועשטאָם האָבן נישט נעוואוסט וועגן אַ חשבון פון זעקס מיליאָן סויטע; נישט נעוואוסט וועגן סאַדיסטישע יידישע שטעטלעך אין שטעט; נישט נעוואָס קיין באַגריף וועגן טרעבלינקע צושטאַנד פון יידיש אין יידישער קולטור. ערשט שפּעטער האָבן מען אונדז צוגעשטעלט דעם לעצטן קס חבל פון דער גרויסער סראַצעדיע.

אין די קמעניקע האָבן מיר זיך בעלאַכט אין וועג אַריין צו זוכן אַ היים, משפּחה אָן אַ . . . צוקונפט. מיר זייַנען אַוועק צוריק קיין פּוילן, נישט נעקענט דערט לאַנג זייַנען נעמאַכן אין די „ד.פּ." לאַגערן אין דייטשלאַנד. פון דאָרט צעמיגרירט קיין קאַנאַדע, כדי אויפ-צושטעלן דאָ אַ נייַ לעבן.

עס איז זיכער אַ לאַנגער וועג פון יענער נאַכט פון 8-טן מאַי, 1945 — 50 יאָר. כיוועל די ראַיסע נאַכט קיינמאָל נישט פאַרגעסן, וויל זי איז נעוחן די „ליכטקסטע" אין לעבן. די נאַכט, האָט האָט אונדז צוריקגעגעבן אונדזער פרייהייט, אונדזער כבוד, אונדזער האָפענונג אָבן אונדזער צוקונפט.

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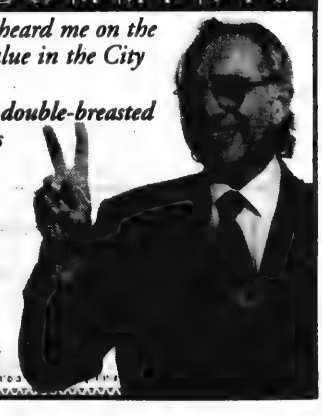

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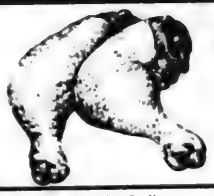

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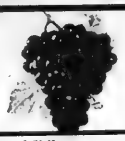

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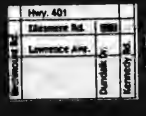

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Interview With Irving Abella

Viewpoints: Professor Abella, in your installation address three years ago, you stated that your top priority was not the fight against antisemitism but the fight against assimilation and intermarriage. Would you like to comment on what you think has transpired on this question during the three years of your presidency?

Abella: I never once mentioned the word intermarriage. Our major concern is no longer the rate of antisemitism but the rate of assimilation. I think that Congress now has to ensure that we enter and continue on in the 21st Century as strongly as we are leaving the 20th Century. We are a comfortable, integrated, well-off community, and we've "made it". Our concern – we Jews always have concerns – are for our children. We ask ourselves: Will they remain Jewish?

We are the fastest growing Jewish community in the Diaspora, the fourth largest Jewish community in the world. We have surpassed Great Britain, and are approaching the number of Jews in Russia – so we are a dynamic community. But will it last? Here I think the major problem is in our universities. Universities are a great wasteland for Canadian Jewry; it is here that we are losing our kids. We're not doing enough for them; we're not supplying them with expertise or funding. Most of them are leaving home for the first time when they enter university; they are then most susceptible to a variety of influences, and we don't provide them with much support. We live in a society in which being Jewish is one option among many and we're not providing them with an attractive Jewish option.

When I came into Congress, I stated that we ought to become involved in the "continuity" battle, which is not our major mandate – that's the Federation mandate – but we would do what we could. So, we have held several conferences, and for the first time we brought in students to be officers of Congress. One of the twenty members of the Officers Committee is a student. I mandated that all Congress committees have students on them. We set up a committee on Education and Continuity, we became part of the Federation Task Force on Continuity, and we have done what we could. We have travelled across the country raising the issue, encouraging the Jewish community to pay attention to the needs of our young, bringing as many of our young people into the community as we could and making it a high priority issue for us. Have we been successful? Well, we've made it a major item on the Jewish agenda. The Federations have now raised enormous amounts of money to do something about this question and we shall continue to do what we can to help. But we must remember that it's not simply a Congress mandate.

Viewpoints: Both Federations and Congress are organizations of the type I would call secular, that is, organizations that appeal to all Jews without regard for religious affiliation, or commitment for that matter. It's quite a common form of Jewish organization in modern Diaspora. In terms of continuity, can membership in Federations and Congress provide the identification and sense of commitment to the long term Jewish future as secular organizations or is it necessary to have some kind of religious component to ensure that?

Abella: Our concern in with those young people who are not affiliated. I think that the affiliated, the Orthodox do not have a severe problem in terms of continuity. Our major concern as a community ought to be with those people who aren't affiliated, who aren't religious, who don't go to synagogue regularly, which is the case of the majority of our Jewish young people. We ought to teach them that being Jewish is something more than memory, it's something more than religion, it's something more than looking backwards. We ought to talk to them about compassion, about equity, about being part of a community that has achieved much and that we can take much pride in. This is where Congress and the Federations play a role.

My major mandate on coming into Congress was to stress the two prefixes – Congress is Canadian and Jewish. And so at the beginning of my mandate, when Canada was in severe trouble, I thought it very important that we play as paramount a role as we possibly could in the Constitutional debate, in the National unity debate, in doing what we could to keep the country together. We joined the "Yes" committee, we travelled across the country making speeches. We became an organization with all the attributes of a "Yes" committee which gave us access to television, and nevertheless we lost. But, in doing so, I think we achieved a fairly high profile and a great deal of credibility which allows us then to play an important role in the public policy debate still going on in this country.

Since we are now recognized as spokesperson for the Jewish community, we are now involved in a wide variety of activities such as gun control, immigration reform, discrimination on sexual orientation, all of which have very little to do with Jewish issues. This is what we have managed to do in Congress during the last three years.

Viewpoints: That's sort of a standard liberal humanist agenda.

Abella: It's an agenda for an organization that wants to present itself as an advocate for human rights, as an advocate for equity. What is a Jewish organization if it is not going to fight for the rights of the oppressed? Who knows more about oppression than we do, about injustice than we do, about being refugees than we do? So, what we have done is lent our expertise, our experience, our credibility to less well-off groups. I see that as a very important statement in terms of continuity because it lets students, and our young people know that being Jewish is something more than going to synagogue, it's more than simply remembering the Holocaust. It means helping others, it means being involved in the debates in the country in which you live, it's being involved in progressive issues, it's being involved in the fight for justice.

Viewpoints: So Congress then has become a vehicle for the integration of Jews into Canadian life to the fullest extent?

Abella: I think Congress has done that for years. We began Congress 75 years ago as an organization of Canadian Jews but for all Canadians. That is why we do not limit ourselves to just Jewish issues but to a variety of issues which only marginally impact on us but are Jewish concerns – justice, human rights, civil liberties.

Viewpoints: You're talking about social action, but social action for universal as well as Jewish causes only?

Abella: I'm not sure you can differentiate between Jewish and universal.

Viewpoints: Most so-called social actions up to now from what I've seen have been concerned with Jewish problems. For example, marching to the Soviet Embassy with signs saying "let my people go". That was considered social action. I never saw anyone marching with placards saying we need more gun control.

Abella: We have. Congress has taken a position on gun control. We have also sent enormous amounts of food and supplies to the ex-Yugoslavia. These are issues that go beyond simply advocating for the freedom of the Soviet Jewry. They are important issues, they are issues that are of concern to the Jewish community because we are after all Canadian citizens and concerned.

Viewpoints: All of us have been attending I don't know how many conferences on the question we're discussing – Jewish continuity. I've gone to more conferences than I can count and they all come up with the same answer – more

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Irving Abella *is President of Canadian Jewish Congress. He will be completing his 3 year term on May 15, 1995.*

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

It has become a *Viewpoints* tradition to interview the outgoing President of Congress just prior to the next Plenary which this year begins on May 14th. Accordingly, we present as our lead article a wide-ranging conversation we recently had with Irving Abella who has come to the end of his three year tenure as Congress President.

First, the good news. Abella feels that Congress is now recognized by Jews and non-Jews alike as the spokesperson for all Canadian Jewry, and therefore can articulate a Jewish position on issues which arise. This was not always the case, as we all know, and is today the situation in very few Jewish communities across the world.

Abella also stated that Canadian Jewry is respected by these communities as being more "Jewish" by almost every standard: higher day school enrolment, lower intermarriage, more involved in Zionistic activities, higher per capita contributions to all Jewish fund-raising both for Israel and locally.

Most of our conversation was devoted to Abella's deep concern about the lack of interest by young Jewish adults in both religion and Jewish Community affairs. Abella outlined the various initiatives he has launched to address this major problem, even though Federations across Canada and not Congress have been charged by our national leadership with responsibility for the campaign to promote Jewish "continuity" (as it is now termed).

Sally Zerker has sent us a detailed analysis of Rabin's Peace Plan, itemizing very carefully the reasons why she feels it has been launched at an inopportune time and in addition has been mishandled by the Rabin government. As a result, she is very concerned that success will not be achieved in the immediate future and perhaps not in the longer term.

Emil Fackenheim, who lives in Israel, takes umbrage at the persistent carping at the heroic image of Israel's founders. Zionist heroes are being deconstructed and he feels it is time to remember their true heroism, when they went ahead and declared the State of Israel despite the unanimous opinion of military experts throughout the world that Israel would be annihilated by the six Arab armies facing them.

Rabbi Dow Marmur has provided a very thoughtful answer to the question being asked by many young Jewish adults: "Why Do We Need Ritual?" The basic answer he feels is that human beings require ritual to give them a sense of their own identity and bind them to their own native group. Proof of this is the fact that throughout history, every civilization develops its own rituals which become the common heritage of its members and if they are deprived of it, they lose hope and, like our aboriginal Canadians, turn to suicide.

Aviva Ravel has sent us a touching story of a child who reaches the age of twelve and is told she is too old to receive Chanukah presents. The true dénouement is a surprise told with skill and simplicity.

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Jewish education. But there is no definition of what kind of "more Jewish education" is meant. Now, you just listed a number of issues normally termed "universal social action" and said they obviously belong to our tradition and our religious values – that would be news to most young people, I think.

Abella: I think it's important to stress that compassion for the oppressed is part of our Jewish tradition and our Jewish values and it is something we ought to stress to our young people, the fact that being Jewish is not just fighting for Jewish causes. Fighting for other peoples' causes is also fighting for Jewish causes, for by helping them we help ourselves, by helping other communities we become a community ourselves, and I think that is an important message for the students who may see us as a parochial, particularistic organization.

Viewpoints: I think that all of us here would agree with that. The problem is, as we discussed earlier here before the interview started, that we don't have any structured way of seeing to it that all young Jews who go beyond elementary Hebrew or Day School reach the point where they can understand these questions and can be taught these answers: before that, in the elementary grades, they're given information on rituals and holidays, a little bit of history and so on, but the theology of Judaism you cannot teach a 10 or 11 year old. It's got to be college age, and by that time you've lost them.

Abella: It's a difficult thing to do. I agree that we can't go forward as a community simply by looking backward. We can't survive as a community simply on memory. We can't survive simply on recalling antisemitic events. The generation that is coming of age that was not brought up as many of us were, with the important memories of Jewish history was part of our life. We were brought up with the golden years of Israel, with Israel heroes, we were brought up in the shadow of the Holocaust, and remember all of that. The new generation came of age with their memories of Israel being the Intefada. And so, our commitment to Israel is primordial, theirs is more voluntary and they have to work harder at it. And I think that we have to provide them with a vision that we are not providing them, we have to tell them why it's important for Jews to survive. I think one of the major problems confronting Canadian Jewry is that this is a multicultural society, an absorptive society, it gives our young people and all of us choices we never had before. I think the major challenge confronting contemporary Jewish society is: can we survive in an egalitarian, multicultural, open society? Will we be an identifiable community given the forces surrounding us? And that is something we will have to struggle for and with over the next generation.

Viewpoints: Do you think Canadian Jewry is better equipped than most Diaspora communities to achieve that objective?

Abella: I think we are better equipped. We have organizations that few other Diaspora communities have. We have the highest Day School enrolment of any Diaspora community, we are far more generous in terms of our philanthropy, we're far more Zionistic, we're closer to Europe in many ways. I think that if one compares the assimilation rates here and elsewhere, we are far better off.

Viewpoints: Let's turn that around a bit. It is often argued that Canada is a generation behind the U.S. in social trends. If, indeed, that is the case, then maybe we are being too complacent here, maybe the kinds of phenomena they observe now in the U.S. may well be the problems in Canada in the first quarter of the 21st century. Is there reason to believe that the development of Canadian Jewry will follow a different path than American Jewry or will we simply lag by a certain number of years?

Abella: I think that one of the great myths of Diaspora life is that we are a generation behind American Jewry. I think we're different. We've developed at a different pace, in many ways we're ahead of them. We accept multiculturalism, we accept hyphenated Canadianism and the Americans don't. We accept collective rights, we honour collective rights, we accept and respect minorities, the Americans don't. So, in many ways, we are far more able to confront a free society and survive with a unique and vibrant Jewish community than the Americans. After all, when everybody is a hyphenated Canadian, being a Jewish Canadian is no different; whereas in America, there is an ethos, there is a melting pot, there is a structure for Americans to which to assimilate. We Canadians have very little to assimilate into. We don't have an overweening ambition or absorptive culture; we don't have a collection of heroes and myths the way the Americans do. And this is why multiculturalism can flourish here.

Viewpoints: As I understand our experts, when they talk about a generation behind, they always say a generation behind in acculturation which means absorption and disappearance and the underlying thesis is, we may be behind, but we're on the same road.

Abella: I think some of the problems are the same but we treat them differently. We respect different ideas, we handle problems differently, we have a different culture, and I think we will deal with the problems of assimilation differently.

Viewpoints: Would a Jewish Studies program teach that to college-age youth?

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Rabin's "Peace" Policy

by Sally F. Zerker

When the handover of Gaza and Jericho to the PLO took place in May, 1994, I awoke that day on a splendid Jerusalem morning that spoke to me of sunshine, glistening hills, and perhaps of peace to come. It was not a joyous day in Israel, however. There were no happy celebrations or grand ceremonies. Rather, what I observed both before and after the transfer, when I had the opportunity to interview Israelis from all walks of life, was a very cautious acceptance of the Rabin government policy. The accord with the PLO, according to most people with whom I spoke, was highly risky, probably unlikely to succeed, but nevertheless had to be tried. Because, if nothing else, they felt compelled to take the present risk so that they might never regret a lost opportunity sometime down the road.

The allure of a potential end to the war with the Arabs that had been Israel's lot since its inception was the critical factor in producing this widespread – although not universal – attitude. There certainly were some individuals I interviewed who were adamantly opposed to the Oslo Declaration of Principles (DOP) and all that was intended to result from that. But, for myself, a visitor whose sons do not have to serve in the Israel Defence Force, and one who appreciates the ongoing hazards Israeli men experience from boyhood until late middle-age while in compulsory military service, I believed Israelis were far better judges of the situation than was I. And so I didn't make my own assessment of the Israeli government's agreement with the PLO. I relied on the opinion of those who had the daily burdens of war, terror, army service, and the burial of their loved ones.

But one should never forego reason and analysis. It's much too easy to delude oneself either because of euphoria or desperation, and ultimately there's always a price to pay for delusion. The cost to Israel of such mindlessness is now evident, as it struggles with a failed policy from which it cannot extricate itself. Even many of those Israelis on the left of the political spectrum who were the most ardent supporters of the pact with the PLO have become disenchanted. "With a sense of lost hope," writes Clyde Haberman of the *New York Times* (21/02/95), "they are asking themselves what went wrong". On reflection, it is clear that although my personal intellectual passivity mattered not one iota, it was in many ways symptomatic of the Israeli people's wishful desire for peace that also, unfortunately, rested on a delusionary foundation rather than on clear thinking.

Premises of the PLO Agreement Erroneous

The premises upon which the agreement with the PLO and some other elements of the Rabin/Peres/Beilin "peace" policy rest are inherently erroneous. I can point to at least three untenable claims made in regard to the Rabin government policy. First, I maintain that the conception that the accord with the PLO is about peace with the Palestinians is distinctly false. Let me explain.

Let's look at the case of the Israeli treaty with Egypt in order to define "peace". The war that had prevailed between Israel and Egypt was a state to state conflict, and the peace treaty signed by those two countries took account of the precise nature of that war, accepting the obligation to end it. It's quite true that subsequently, the peace brought about by the agreement with Sadat is, as they say, a cold peace, with no change in the Nazi-like portrayal of Israel and Jews in the Egyptian media, and where most of the economic benefits (especially from oil sales to Israel) goes to Egypt. Nevertheless, the

"SKETCH FOR JUDAH (12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL)"
BY NORMAN LALIBERTÉ, 1971.
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outcome has provided Israel the requisite conditions of peace, that is, the absence of war. Even that cold peace improved the personal safety and security of Israeli as well as Egyptian people considerably. It's a fact that since that treaty went into effect, not a single Israeli or Egyptian soldier has paid with his/her life by the hands of former enemies.

Now, let's consider what kind of war the Palestinians have always waged against Israel. Did they mount an army and effect air attacks against their Israeli enemy? Was there a specific period of battle that we can document as an outbreak of war with a consequent winner or loser? We all know that's not the case! The war with the Palestinians has always been a terrorist war waged against Israeli citizens, as well as against diaspora Jews. So what's changed? Palestinian terrorist acts still have Jews as their objective, both in Israel and in the diaspora – the Buenos Aires massacre was post-DOP – the tactics are the same although more efficient, and the financing is still essentially from the Moslem world.

Fluidity of Palestinian Loyalties

Nor should anyone think that it is only a small, radical Islamic element that continues the terrorist objectives and operations. Although Hamas and Islamic Jihad have "taken credit" for the various acts of recent murder of Jews, one should not therefore be misled. There's no hard and fast line between Hamas and PLO supporters, or between Hamas and Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Jihad and many branches and participants of the PLO. On November 18, 1994, when there was an outbreak of conflict in Gaza between Arafat's armed men and a good part of the male population of Gaza, some of those Palestinians who were shot by Arafat's police were Fatah supporters, because being Fatah doesn't mean one isn't also Hamas or Islamic Jihad, maybe all at the same time, or maybe at different times. This fluidity of Palestinian loyalties is what Connor Cruise O'Brian, a recognized authority on Palestinian groups and attachments, spoke about on a recent visit to Toronto.

But one does not have to rely on outside expert opinion to appreciate this reality. It is Palestinian spokesmen themselves who inform in this regard. Mr. Zahar, the Hamas leader, said that Arafat's regular practice of setting Palestinian against Palestinian in order to dominate all of them won't work in Gaza. "Here he cannot do this because in every family in Gaza you will find a Hamas adherent, a Fatah adherent and members of other factions – in each family." (*New York Times*, 3/12/94). A Palestinian leader is quoted as saying, "Hamas is a Palestinian phenomenon. Its membership constitutes a third of the Palestinian population" (*New York Times*, 8/11/94).

PLO National Covenant Unchanged

Whether it's a third or a quarter or half of the Palestinian population is irrelevant, because the reality is that the promotion of terrorism is hardly identified with Hamas only. Terrorism is still backed by some factions even within the PLO, by Islamic Jihad and even by the PLO's National Covenant which remains unchanged even though Arafat has made a commitment to change it. It's important to understand what that covenant is all about. Over half of its 33 clauses state or imply that Israel shouldn't exist and call for armed struggle. Article 2 defines Palestine as all the land that existed under the British Mandate; article 3 gives only Palestinian Arabs rights to that land; article 7 is about teaching all Palestinian children to be warriors; article 10 requires that commando action should be escalated and expanded, etc., etc. So there's good reason why Arafat hasn't removed what people think wrongly is a *single* obnoxious clause in the PLO covenant. The whole covenant would have to go if the PLO were serious about peace with Israel.

That there's no support from Arafat's executive committee for ending the traditional kind of PLO war-making is indisputable. Arafat knew when he signed the deal in Washington that the majority of his executive committee, the governing body of the PLO, was opposed to the agreement. Recently (Feb. 22, 1995), a year and a half after the signing, when he finally did call his executive together in order to mount international pressure on Israel, only 9 out of 18 members of the committee appeared for that meeting in Cairo. The rest have either resigned or stayed away out of internal opposition to the "peace" agreement. How much less enthusiasm there is for renouncing the offensive articles in the PLO Covenant is evident by the fact that Arafat hasn't even tried to convene an executive meeting to fulfill his promise to do so. Arafat's failure to act on his promise regarding the PLO Covenant is important because it reflects the true sentiment of the PLO leadership.

And after all is said and done, why should anything have changed? Remember with whom and why the DOP was made! The only reason Arafat came to the bargaining table in the first place was not because he was transformed and now wanted peace with Israel. He came to the table because he had become powerless and was without funds. His blunder at the time of the Gulf War in taking Saddam Hussein's side was so monumental that it left him bereft of support, not only from the US but also from Russia (which has itself lost superpower stature), and most importantly, from those who had been his luxurious meal ticket until then, the rich Arab oil states.

No Peace With The PLO Now Or In The Future

So Rabin and Peres were contracting with someone they *knew* in advance was unable to deliver. That's why Yossi Beilin, Peres' deputy-minister, told Israelis not to expect that the deal with the PLO would end terrorism. On the contrary, he and other spokesmen for the Rabin government acknowledged that Israelis should be prepared for at least a decade of terror even after this deal is made. This gruesome assurance clearly expressed the Israeli leaders' true appraisal of Arafat's inability to control the Palestinian population of the territories, and worse, that they had no illusions that an improvement in that situation after the transfer of authority to the PLO would occur. And of course it hasn't. Hamas operates openly in Gaza and Arafat's men are either unable or unwilling to void their power and activities. So, there is no peace with the Palestinians and there's no reason to expect that there will be in the near future.

Now we come to the second fallacious assumption that underlies the Rabin government policy. Every pundit and editorial writer spells out the condition

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for an evolution towards Palestinian peaceful intentions. The conventional wisdom is that peace will unfold with an improvement in the economic condition of the Palestinians, when they then would have a stake in their own future and security. The editorial in the *New York Times* (28/10/94) puts it this way; "The nations of the Middle East will live in peace only if they escape from squalor".

Unfounded Hope That Economic Well-Being Induces Peaceful Behaviour

Let's assume that such hopeful theorizing is right, that economic well-being induces peaceful behaviour, although I warn you that such reasoning will soon be shown to be wrong. But let's say it's correct. Then it would still require that Arafat and his Tunis cohorts should be effective agents for the economic revival. That simply is not going to happen. As we know, there was a pledge by international financial institutions of $2.4 billion for the PLO, to be disbursed over a five year period. Only about $250 million of that money has actually been transferred to the Palestinian authority. The World Bank holds the PLO responsible for this lack of transfer of capital because Bank officials insist on a system of accountability for the aid funds before disbursing monies. Accountability, however, would obviate PLO leaders' "godfather" method of doling out money, by which loyalties are purchased. It would also mean that Palestinian leaders would be constrained in their past customary luxurious living. A *Wall Street Journal* story of February 2, 1995, reports on the availability of investment funds for Arafat to revamp the ineffective phone system in the West Bank that has been a source of great annoyance and complaint by Palestinians for years. Yet 17 months after the September 1933 accord that granted Palestinian autonomy to take such economic initiatives, the program has been mired in "confusion, secrecy and apparent ineptitude that have characterized many of Mr. Arafat's economic-development moves since his transformation from the leader of a revolutionary movement to a virtual head of state", to quote the article.

But even if that $2.4 billion were forthcoming, will it bring prosperity? The Middle Eastern and African experience as well as that of other third world countries, does not give one confidence that an injection of money will turn the economy around. Nigeria is a case in point. Billions of petrodollars has not moved it out of the range of a nation with one of the lowest per capita incomes in the world. Saudi Arabia, a country that had a surplus of $150 billion, is today deeply in debt, with rising unemployment, where as many as a quarter of young Saudis are currently unable to find jobs, and where new homes are sitting idle because the state electrical utility can't meet demands for connections. (*Wall Street Journal* 25/10/94.)

Injection Of Capital Does Not Guarantee Economic Improvement Or Peace

Economists have learned that an injection of capital is far from a guarantee of economic improvement. It depends upon what is done with that capital. If it goes into the elite's consumption, or if it's used for monumental grand exhibitional construction, or if it's put into Swiss bank accounts, it will not induce economic growth. Unproductive uses of capital are endemic in third world countries. The possibilities for economic development depend as well on the rate of population growth. Gaza is known to have one of the highest rates of population growth in the world. In such circumstances, the flow of capital gets dissipated by having to be spread too thin, even if it were to be employed in productive ventures. Many years ago when I studied development economics there was this unshakable faith in the power of capital to transform nations from poverty to wealth. Today that faith is gone. Development economists have learned that this doesn't work. The economies that have in fact succeeded are those like Japan and Taiwan where the work ethic and saving is very strong, not where there is a dependence on outside capital.

This then is the second illusion; that economic betterment is a product of this so-called peace process, and that it should actually be forthcoming. In any case, despite the popular notion that economic amelioration induces peace, or that economic deprivation is the source of violence and war, history and present-day conflicts prove these beliefs to be mistaken. Some of the most economically successful nations and groups make war. Germany had experienced phenomenal economic growth from about the middle of the nineteenth century until 1914, when the Kaiser saw German domination of Europe as its rightful entitlement, beginning thereby the massive slaughter of the first world war. The United States was the greatest economic power in the world when it fought the war in Vietnam because of the "communist menace", as it was then perceived. In our time, Bosnian Serbs actually have much to gain economically by co-operation with other ethnic Bosnians and much to lose through war, yet their nationalism has driven them to violence and destruction in that Balkan region. Where passionate nationalist or other ideology dominate, reason flees into the void; but since economic considerations depend upon reason, there's not much promise for economics to be the generator of peace.

Yet a third mistaken assumption inheres in regard to the Rabin government policy. It is argued by many that even if the Palestinian deal is something less than successful or agreeable, it is the necessary price to pay for Israel to become a respected participant in the Middle Eastern region, economically and politically. Those who hold this view point to the subsequent treaty with Jordan, which followed upon the famous handshake in Washington, as proof of this contention.

Deal With Jordan Does Not Bring Regional Normalization

Undoubtedly, King Hussein of Jordan would not or could not have taken the condemnation from the Arab world and from his own citizens for making peace with Israel, had he not been able to justify his actions on the basis of a prior resolution of the Palestinian issue. Indeed, there were mass protests in Jordan after Hussein's signing, among the intelligentsia at the universities, and among many Palestinians, who currently are organizing the Palestinian Action Committee to oppose the peace treaty. The rally signs and cries in Amman during the signing of the treaty were "kill the Jews". So, Hussein needed a cover in order to transform the *de facto* recognition that has existed for many years, into a *de jure* political and economic state to state agreement.

"TOTEMS" BY WALTER REDINGER, 1972.
SAMUEL BRONFMAN HOUSE, MONTREAL

Nevertheless, it is clear by now that the Jordanian concession to make peace with Israel does not translate into regional normalization. On the contrary, the more successful Israel seemed in its contacts with other Arab governments, the more Egypt became determined to pull back such Arab states' interaction with Israel. One might have expected that Egypt, which was isolated and denounced by fellow Arab leaders for making peace with Israel more than two decades ago, would have been vindicated by the recent developments. Instead, Egypt has become apprehensive of Israel's potential influence in the region should it be accepted as an active player in the Middle East. Hence, Egypt has called on those Gulf states which had previously shown signs of moving in the direction of agreement and co-operation with Israel to halt such progress. The facade behind which Egypt and the others now hide in order to reverse the earlier trend is their complaint about Israel's decades-old position on the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. It is a facade because Israel's nuclear position is unchanged from long before Sadat came to Jerusalem. Israel will neither admit nor deny nuclear potential, then or now. The "peace" process then has seemingly brought relations between Israel and Egypt to its lowest point since 1978.

Peace Treaty With Syria Only A Distant Possibility

Meanwhile, the main thrust of the Israeli government's comprehensive objectives, which is to achieve a peace treaty with Syria, has come to a standstill. This despite the well-publicized offer Rabin has made to Syria's Assad to return just about all of the Golan Heights, ("probably indeed all, although [he] will not say so publicly", *New York Times*, 25/2/95). Perhaps Assad wants more; perhaps money from the US as an "inducement" to make peace; perhaps he's looking to be taken off the US' list of states that sponsor terror; or perhaps he cannot bring himself and his people to renounce their animosity towards Israel and Jews generally. In any case, after three years of talks between Israel and Syria, one can say along with Groucho Marx, "either my watch is broken or the patient is dead." (Clyde Haberman, *Ibid.*)

At best, the prospects for regional and international normalization remain a distant possibility. But that potential obviously was considered feasible even before the accord with the PLO, or else Israel would not have been able to engage in secret talks with Assad as long as three years ago. Clearly, subsequent developments have not brought those discussions to a successful conclusion. So, one cannot rationalize the deal with the PLO on the grounds of its contribution to achieving a critical breakthrough with Syria. The solution or solutions to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict must be justified on its own merit, which ultimately must be weighed in terms of their contribution to future security, justice, and peace.

Is Rabin Policy Improvement Or Retrogression?

Rabin's and Peres' blunder is that they chose to deal with Arafat because, as they explained again and again, they had concluded that he was the only "available" partner. But they either failed to see or chose to ignore dangerous consequences precisely because of his availability. Arafat's weakness, which made him "available", also now makes the agreement with him unworkable. And, that weakness has serious repercussions to the other claims made on behalf of the DOP. If there is to be an economic turnaround for Gaza, it too will require an effective Palestinian partner to any agreement with Israel. No economic improvement can be expected from a Palestinian leadership that cannot govern. On the Syrian front, Assad would be severely pressed to come round if an agreement with the Palestinians, in conjunction with Jordanian cooperation, had the effect of squeezing Syria out into the cold, cold

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Heroes and Valets
Reflections On The Present Zionist Condition

by Emil L. Fackenheim

An Olah had just got her apartment in Tel Aviv when, during the Gulf War, one of Saddam's scud missiles destroyed it. Reporters asked her how she liked Israel. "Just fine," she replied. I was so moved that I told the story in an article entitled "The Heroic Age of the Jewish People."

The *Canadian Jewish News* published my article but changed its title, into "Why Russian Jews still come to Israel." It must have seemed that heroism applies to Russian Jews and Israel, but not, or no longer to Jews in Canada. And perhaps the analysis was right.

Now, only a few years later, the same phenomenon exists also in Israel. A survey has shown that the heroes of many Israeli youngsters are no longer Zionist pioneers but pop-stars.

Zionist Heroes Being Deconstructed

I do not worry too much about such findings, for the teenagers will grow out of it. What is worrisome, however, is that, when they are just a bit older, there will be, ready for them, "revisionist" historians who are busy deconstructing the heroes of Zionism, so bent on the job as to let nobody escape. These are examples: Herzl had trouble with his family, was narcissistic, and achieved nothing. Israel was born in sin, and Ben Gurion had a big share in it. Yoni Netanyahu, the hero of Entebbe, was a trigger-happy glory-seeker. The list is long. But perhaps worst is Golda Meir, for she somehow stands for Israel as a whole. To be sure, she loved Israel's soldiers, and wept when they died; but her love and her tears were *kitsch*, and so is everything Israel loves or weeps about. Yad Vashem is *kitch*. So is the Kotel. So is Massada. Whatever moves Israelis to tears is *kitsch*, is phony. I suppose that when American Jews are moved by a Christmas tree it is not phoney, simply because they are not Israelis.

There must be some truth in what these historians are saying, for I would hate to think of them as liars. To take just one case, it would be strange if Herzl drove himself as he did and had had no family troubles. But then, as an old saying has it, nobody is a hero for his valet.

"FLEURS SAUVAGES" BY RITA BRIANSKY, MONTREAL

But is he a hero for nobody? Let us make an experiment into historical imagination. There were numerous journalists at the Dreyfus trial. Surely Herzl was not the only Jewish one. Let us assume there were four others. One noticed the antisemitism but ignored it: his job was to cover the trial, not French antisemitism. The second took notice of it but blamed Dreyfus for it: he should not have pushed himself into the exclusive French officer corps. The third thought that since the antisemites thought Dreyfus was guilty, he probably was. And the fourth thought that since antisemites think all Jews are guilty, Jews, himself included, should be blamed for their audacity to survive till the 19th century. The upshot of our experiment? Herzl, and Herzl alone, reacted with the Jewish self-respect the situation demanded, and fifty years later only self-hating Jews failed to recognized it. he achieved nothing? He said he had founded the Jewish state, and he was right. He was narcissistic? He had every right to be. Herzl may be no hero to valets but that, to quote Hegel, is not because he is no hero but because valets are valets.

Ben-Gurion Ignored Pessimism Of Military Experts

Let us take one more example. The UN had voted for a Jewish state, but when the Arabs responded with violence the UN did nothing. Indeed, with the British about to leave, and with six Arab armies poised to strike, the Yishuv leaders were asked to postpone declaring their state, and to accept a temporary UN trusteeship. U.S. Secretary of State General George Marshall, no mean military expert, supported it. British General Bernard ("Monty") Montgomery, no military layman either, but also no admirer of Jewish military prowess, said that "the Arabs would knock the Jews for sixes." And the Yishuv's own military people thought the chances of survival for the state, if they declared it, were just fifty-fifty. However, Ben Gurion and his fellow-leaders listened to the military, but then went ahead and declared the state. The people were dancing in the streets of Tel Aviv that night, but Ben Gurion felt like a mourner at the feast. As he wrote in his diary, he was filled with foreboding.

What would the Jewish condition be like today if they had accepted that trusteeship? For how long? Indefinitely... With what results? Holocaust survivors, dispersed into the four corners of the earth. Russian and Ethiopian Jews, in exile still, abandoned and forgotten. The Yishuv itself, a Ghetto in a hostile world, ever shrinking, and by now virtually extinct. And American Jewry, existing after the Holocaust but without an Israel, so demoralized as to make present Jewish survival problems into child's play – intermarriage, assimilation, childlessness, all the rest. Hitler's ideal of a *judenfrei* world would be that much closer to realization.

Zionism Itself Is Heroic

Zionism has no heroes? Zionism *itself* is heroic, and cannot survive otherwise! At present Israel, the Zionist state, is in crisis, and so is world Jewry. Can the crisis be weathered? We must hope and believe that it can and will – unless, to borrow a page from Plato, the valets become the kings of Israel and world Jewry, or their kings, valets.

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winds of isolation. Therefore, everything that Rabin hoped for in pursuing his "peace" policy depended upon strength not weakness in the negotiator on the other side of the table.

Israel Must Find Alternative To Dealing With Arafat

Those who would have us believe, along with Rabin, that there was no alternative to dealing with Arafat are utterly wrong. Complex conflict resolutions never boil down to one option. There are always alternatives. (This paper is not about alternatives which must be left for another time and place.) The crucial question here is whether the path chosen is an improvement on the *status quo* or a retrogression. Recent polls in Israel suggest that those earlier sanguine days have passed, and that the majority of Israelis now think that events brought on by the DOP have worsened their lot. They find that Israel is no longer in a position to determine its own operations for controlling the terrorists. It must wait for Arafat to act. They see that Israel cannot choose to close the territories without the implication that this is harming their Palestinian "partner". Thus when Rabin speaks of a divorce between the two peoples, he cannot carry out that strategy, since his policy also locks him into economic responsibility for the Palestinians. In sum, Israelis recognize that they've given up some sovereignty without the compensations they hoped for when the DOP was signed in September 1993.

"SAMUEL BRONFMAN" BY ALAN JARVIS, 1961.
SAMUEL BRONFMAN HOUSE, MONTREAL

"Peace" was what was sold to Israelis, and that's what Israelis thought they bought. Unfortunately "peace" was never possible given the underlying conditions of the Rabin government policy. I'd like to conclude this paper with a comment made by Professor Emil Fackenheim when he spoke in Toronto recently. The professor suggested that Rabin had a golden opportunity that he missed when he went to Stockholm to pick up his peace prize. Instead, said Professor Fackenheim, he should have declined with dignity, informing the Nobel committee that he would be happy to accept the Nobel Peace Prize when peace had come to his people. In that statesmanlike way, Rabin might have acknowledged his citizens' disillusion with the "peace" accord thus far, and shown understanding for their fears. At the same time he would have given notice that alternatives must indeed be sought and acted upon.

Why Ritual?

by Rabbi Dow Marmur

The man belonged to the Temple by subscription only, not by conviction. Whenever he wrote to me about it, he referred to his "membership" in quotation marks. When he died, he wasn't buried as a Jew. None of his children are Jewish. For, to be a Jew, more is required than the formality of Synagogue membership. To belong is, indeed, necessary, but it is not sufficient; in order to be a Jew, I also have to behave like a Jew.

Some may say this man did that. He was highly ethical, very charitable and active in the community at large. He grew up at a time when his Temple considered these to be the only legitimate criteria for Jewish behaviour. But he had learnt that morality, generosity and communal activism are not the sole prerogatives of Jews. If that was all there was to Judaism, he could live "a Jewish life" through the faith of his Christian wife.

Moral conduct and care for others reflect only one side of Jewish behaviour, described in Hebrew as *beyn adam lechavero*, person to person. Judaism also requires behaviour *beyn adam lamakom*, between God and person, and that, inescapably, brings us into the realm of ritual. Morality is what we share with all responsible human beings; ritual is what makes us responsive to Jewish tradition. If we want to speak of belonging without quotation marks; if we want to live and die as Jews; if we want to have Jewish children – we cannot confine our behaviour to the inter-personal; for that we also need the supra-personal.

Now the vexing questions: Can I behave if I don't believe? Can I relate to the supra-personal if I don't believe that there is anything above persons? Can I perform religious acts without religious convictions, without belief in God? Isn't this hypocrisy of the worst kind, which we must stay away from at all cost?

Contemporary anthropologists, with no particular religious axe to grind, have taught us that all human activity involves ritual, because ritual is needed to structure time and shape space. And we cannot really exist without either.

Those who are opposed to one set of structures usually embrace another. The man indifferent or hostile to Jewish rituals did not seem to have had any problems in rearing his children in the rituals of the Church, and to be buried with Christian rites. For ritual never leaves us; the question is only which rituals we choose.

Secularists are usually no less ritualistic than those whom they mock. But instead of, for example, spending Saturday sanctifying Shabbat, they spend it at a baseball game – when such things were still available, in the distant past. There, they would adhere to specific dress and distinct headgear: The same people who decry the wearing of *kippa* in Synagogue as conformist and ritualistic would now proudly don a baseball cap. They would eat special foods, consumed according to an established ritual, at set times. They even like their regular seats, just like regulars in *shul*.

God And The Queen

None of these faithful men and women would want to describe themselves as believers. Yet, their structured actions are conditioned by the same criteria as in religion, subconscious and immensely powerful. Which brings me to Her Majesty the Queen.

Had the proverbial Martian landed in Canada just before the Commonwealth Games in Victoria, he would have assumed that the Queen, in Canada at the time, was actually ruling the country. The guards of honour, the bowing and scraping, the homage paid to the Sovereign by elected leaders, all suggested that she was actually in charge. But terrestrial beings, familiar with the constitutional monarchy, knew better. We recognized the pomp and circumstance fore what it was: A ritual that brought solemnity to a sporting event, and gave structure and form in a worthy effort to bind a group of very different states, and very different peoples, under the heading, "The Commonwealth." That's what made these Games, like so many other games, such serious business.

The rituals surrounding the monarchy remain very popular. To this day, the vast majority of Canadians want to preserve both the monarchy and its rituals, even though they know that the Queen has no power, and that members of the Royal Family are not the nation's role models. They believe that the monarchy is helping to keep the nation together by bestowing on Canada a structure. Its seemingly silly and outdated rituals give us a framework within which we can express that which proclamations and conventions cannot say.

Religious observance should be considered in a similar light. For the purpose of this article, I am not interested in whether the religious rituals we carry out are commanded by God, as tradition suggests, or have evolved within our culture, as anthropologists would have it. For the sake of this argument, let me concede that there is no reality behind Jewish observance, just as there is no reality behind the rituals of the monarchy. But as it is not hypocritical to maintain the outer forms of the monarchy, so can alleged non-believers be observant without being hypocritical.

Rituals Bind Us To Community And History

Like royal rituals, Jewish rituals bind us to each other in community. Our rituals also link us to our past, to history. By doing what our ancestors did, we bring the ancients into our midst and stand in awe before their unspoken testimony. By handing on these practices to our children, we offer them a structure within which they can confront their Jewish destiny.

Recently, one of the native chiefs in Canada, Gordon Peters, spoke to the press about the plight of aboriginal young men and women. Contrary to popular opinion, he asserted that the root problem of these youths was neither economic nor psychological, but spiritual. They wanted to know their heritage in order to rediscover their history, but there was nobody to teach them. Those who still remembered the old ways had been assimilated, or intimidated by the Christian culture that was imposed on them when they were young. Now, therefore, they were unable to offer guidance.

"MEMORIAL (Detail)" BY MARCELLE FERRON, 1970. SAMUEL BRONFMAN HOUSE, MONTREAL

Because today's native youngsters were ignorant of their history, they had been deprived of community. The rootlessness and the alienation, so the chief said, robbed them of hope, of a sense of common destiny. Hence the high suicide rate among them.

Economic Opportunity Masks Spiritual Void

My fear is that Jews are going the same way. Our economic prosperity and the educational opportunities we give our children mask the spiritual void in which we rear them. But the void is there: Jewish parents and grandparents have been intimidated by the prevailing culture – now not Christian but pagan – to shun the traditional ways that make for Jewish spirituality, as manifest in ritual – with or without belief. We are so afraid of the truth that we often deliberately turn a blind eye to the growing incidents of drunkenness and drug taking among Jewish young men and women. If you don't believe me, talk to those responsible for Jewish camps or trips to Israel; they may tell you a thing or two.

Of course none of us wants to hear such things, let alone believe them. When young Jews behave like the young natives with no commitment to community, no reverence for history and no sense of destiny, we blame schools, *shuls*, the government – but never ourselves. We consistently fail to see the despair of those whom we have starved spiritually.

The British philosopher Ernest Gellner speaks to all of us when he advocates a religion analogous to the constitutional monarchy. Such a religion, says Gellner, is a sober alternative to the most popular extremist movements in our time – fundamentalism and nihilism. If you are starved of the spirit as manifest in the hallowed rituals of your tradition, you are in danger of ending up either as a fundamentalist in which the minutiae of the law become your obsession and obscure meaning – thus turning ritual into a caricature – or a nihilist in which getting drunk or stoned takes the place of spirituality. Many of us have witnessed at close quarters both these forms of substitution – the fanaticism of the few, and the nihilism of the many. Think, for example, of those close to ourselves who would not come to *shul* today either because it is too religious, or not *frum* enough.

Filling The Hollow With The Holy

Jewish behaviour is not handed down from Heaven. It is created by human beings when they choose to act, not in isolation but together as families and communities. Though the stars determine the beginning and end of the Sabbath, we have to make Shabbes for it to be Shabbat. It may start formally with nightfall, but it begins religiously when we make Kiddush, when we sanctify the day through – yes – ritual. The eating without the ritual is only filling my belly. To turn the profane act of ingestion into the holy act of celebration, I need the time-hallowed rituals. And it works even if I consider God no more powerful than Queen Elizabeth II, and religion no more substantive than the monarchy.

Imitatio Dei Sanctifies

The process of sanctification is the Jewish way of *imitatio dei*, imitating God; through holiness, the presence of the Holy One of Israel can be perceived, even though God cannot be seen or fathomed. God can be imitated even when we are not sure what we believe, or that we believe. In the same way as I can bow or curtsy before the Queen, even when I am uncertain about her role as the Sovereign of Canada, so can I perform acts of imitation of God without being sure about the place of God in the universe, or in my own life.

No, I am not giving up on religion. All I am saying is that even those who do not believe can behave. And those who do not behave as Jews, behave like someone else. There is no escape from symbolism; it is only a question which symbols I choose. To be a Jew, I have to choose Jewish symbols, because just belonging, however fundamental, is insufficient to make me a Jew. To be a Jew, I have to live in Jewish time – not just by celebrating significant events in my own life, but also in the life

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Chanukah Presents

by Aviva Ravel

After our father lit the first candle and we had devoured his greasy deep-fried latkehs, Cousin Molly would arrive with a bagful of Hanuka presents. Around mid-October, curled up in our big bed, my sisters and I contemplated our forthcoming gifts late into the night – a stuffed animal for our little brother, a tinker-toy and Chinese Checkers for my younger sisters. When our imaginations soared, we added a circus with tents and lions, a long train with an engine, a life-size Shirley Temple doll; the fully-equipped doll house we had admired on Eaton's fourth floor. As for myself, I hoped for another book; the year before, Cousin Molly brought me *The Princess Elizabeth Gift Book*, the first book I owned outright. The stories were interspersed with magnificent glossy illustrations of fairy tale characters, pretty rosy-cheeked children romping in flower gardens, and Mickey Mouse, top hat in hand, leading a parade of Disney characters. A portrait of Princess Elizabeth faced the title page, followed by a table of contents listing poems and stories and even a play about a king of France. I guarded the book carefully in my drawer, warning my sisters if they so much as touched the handle, a little man with sharp teeth would pop out and bite off their fingers. After a year the book still looked new, although I had read the stories and poems countless times. I preferred the poems. "They're magical", I explained to my sisters, "like clouds, every time you look at them, you see something different." This year I dared to hope for a whole book of poems, but I admitted I'd be happy with any story book. "With pictures," my youngest sister squealed and slapped her cheeks. I hugged her and experienced the keen, breathless happiness that comes with anticipating something wonderful.

Cousin Molly started bringing Hanuka presents five years before, when I was seven. When our mother told her not to spend her "hard-earned money" on toys, she replied didactically, the faint line between her brows deepening into a crevice. "Other children receive Christmas presents. Our children should not be deprived." The truth is, we never envied the "other children" their holidays or presents; in fact it never occurred to us to compare Hanuka with Christmas. If we were lucky, we got a dime; presents were out of the question what with our mother constantly addressing no one in particular: Where will the rent come from this month? How will we pay the butcher? With what will I buy the children shoes? Secretly, we were glad that Cousin Molly never brought us practical gifts like a scarf, a hat, a sweater, which our mother would have appreciated.

Finally, the interminable wait was over. To our dismay, Hanuka arrived with a heavy snowfall, blustering winds and below zero weather. My sisters and I peered anxiously out the window at the empty street; we threw open the front door and a gust of wind blew in a mountain of snow. Our father shouted from the kitchen, "What's going on there? Close the door! We don't buy coal to heat the outside!"

"The children are waiting for Cousin Molly." Our mother's main occupation in life, apart from looking after her children and sewing in the factory, was to placate our father whose patience generally hovered close to the breaking point.

"We don't need her presents," he said, pounding the table with his palm. Under the bare light bulb, his gleaming bald head, high cheek bones, and pointy ears gave him the appearance of a leprechaun.

"We don't," our mother smiled good-naturedly, and set her hand briefly on his shoulder, "but it makes the children happy."

"Happy-shmappy. Hanuka is not a goyish holiday. The Hashmonayeem didn't fight Antiochus for presents. Soon we'll have trees in the house, with a menorah on top."

Our mother laughed, her light blue eyes twinkling in her tan face. I thought of stars in the early evening. "That's very funny. And we'll hang your latkehs on it, with sour cream and sugar."

"COAT-JARDIN" BY RITA BRIANSKY, MONTREAL

"Don't make jokes. The way Jews are nowadays, don't be surprised if they put pumpkins in the window on Purim, eat matsah on Yom Kippur, and bread on Pesach." He shook his forefinger. "All of you, remember what I said." Pleased with his discourse, he grinned at his children, and treated himself to a long slurp of tea.

We listened to their exchange with rapt interest, relieved that our mother did not side with him on the question of presents. Actually, she rarely agreed with him, and even when she seemed to, she did what she wanted anyway. Our mother rinsed the last supper plate, dried her hands on her apron, and concluded the discussion with, "A few presents aren't going to hurt the children" then she swept into her bedroom to put on a fresh print dress and twist her long black hair into a shiny bun at the nape of her neck.

The two slim candles in the menorah had long burned down to nothing and even the last remnants of smoke had vanished. "Children," our mother said, "the streetcars must be stuck in the snow. It's a bitter cold night. Cousin Molly will come another time. So let's get ready for bed."

"If we had a telephone like Annie, she could call and let us know," I said accusingly in the direction of our father.

My favourite daydream was watching our father, wearing a suit and carrying a briefcase, go off to work in an office, and every week he handed our mother a thick pay envelope. As it was, he worked on and off as a presser, and our mother had to supplement his meagre earnings "we'd be out on the street."

"A telephone!" our father pounded the table again. "That's all we need, ringing in the ears day and night. A telephone is good for a business. A telephone in the house is for fools who have nothing better to do than waste time talking about 'narishkeiten'. The way things are going, people will have two telephones in the house, they'll never read a book, just sit and talk all day."

Our mother winked at us thought to say, never mind him – one day, when we can afford it, we'll also have a telephone.

Just then the doorbell rang. Our little brother looked up curiously from his spoons and pots, and gurgled, his fat cheeks dimpling. I ruffled his fine, blonde curls and cooed joyously. "You'll also get a present!"

At the same time, my sisters cried in unison, "It's Cousin Molly!"

"Who else is it?" our father muttered from the kitchen. "Who else would be so crazy to go out on a night like this?" He rose and tossed a shovelful of coal into the little pot-belly stove he had installed in the dining room. Its pipe extended just below the ceiling across the dining room and connected up through a hole in the wall with the stove pipe in the kitchen. Thus, the flat was warm even on cold, windy nights. In the dining room, a wide extension of the entrance passage, we listened to Jack Benny and The Shadow, did our homework, and had our Shabbos and holiday Meals. Our mother still owed twelve 2-dollar payments on the set, which included an oblong mirror in a gilded frame, six chairs, a buffet, and table.

She moved to the front door and let in Cousin Molly who was covered in snow. She had had to walk three blocks from the streetcar stop. Her breath came in short gasps as she stamped her feet and shook the snow off her hat and gloves.

"Never mind that," our mother said, "Come in in come. On such a night you go out. Look at you. You're frozen. Come in, warm up." Our mother stepped back, and Cousin Molly preceded her, leaving puddles on the oilcloth.

She pulled off her overshoes near the stove, our mother draped her black coat and gloves over a chair to dry and set her black felt hat on the buffet on a towel. Cousin Molly's eyebrows and lashes yielded droplets of water on her pink face; she fumbled for a handkerchief and patted it dry. She bore a striking resemblance to our mother, but every feature was broader and more pronounced. Her short black hair were swept into two kiss-me curls. There were dark grey circles under her eyes I had never noticed before.

"Please have a cup of tea," our mother said, placing the steaming cup before her. And a biscuit. She had bought our favourite chocolate marshmallows, knowing the leftovers would be a treat with our afternoon glass of milk.

Warming her fingers on the cup, Cousin Molly sipped, and downed several biscuits with forced restraint, our mother urging her to have another and yet another, while my sisters and I watched them disappear off the plate. We sat stiffly around the table, our hands clasped together like we were taught at school, as she and our mother talked about boring subjects such as Uncle Getzel's operation and upcoming engagements and weddings. Our father kept himself aloof in the kitchen, his nose in a Hebrew book, and muttered rather audibly, "nochamol veibersheh business", but Cousin Molly either didn't hear or pretended not to. Then she turned to us with a smile that took up half her face, and posed the usual boring questions. What grade are you in now? How are you doing in school? What is your favourite subject? Then commented, with some astonishment, how much we had grown since she saw us last year. We answered politely, nudging each other under the table and trying not to giggle. Our brother grew restless, so our mother excused herself, picked him up off his blanket, and made a move toward the crib in her bedroom. Realizing he was about to be exiled, screamed and kicked his legs. Our mother returned to the table, and set him on her lap.

"Well," Cousin Molly said, "it's getting late, so I better do what I came here to do." She spoke English without an accent, unlike our parents who were born in the "old country".

"I don't know how you'll get home in this weather," our mother said, worriedly.

"I'll be fine, I'm still young," she assured her.

My sisters and I exchanged a meaningful glance. Young, my foot. She wasn't a day under 25.

She bent over, lifted her large bag on to her lap and carefully withdrew gift-wrapped packages. We held our breath, pinching each other under the table. She handed the first present to our baby brother. He quickly ripped off the wrappings and gurgled excitedly at a bright red fire truck, then crawled with the toy from one end of the room to the other, making whooping noises. Cousin Molly was delighted. "That one's a big success." Then she handed an oblong box to our youngest sister unwrapped a "snakes and ladders" game and a

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colouring book with crayons. She yelped "thank you, than you", jumped to the floor and started colouring. The third gift for our middle sister was a book of paper cut-out dolls and a package of beads for stringing into bracelets and necklaces. She said thank you politely and ran into the kitchen to show our father who was unimpressed. Then Cousin Molly looked at me intently, her wide blue eyes narrowing somewhat. "You're twelve years old now. You're a big girl. So you don't get Hanuka presents anymore."

A sudden hush came over the room. A lump sprang to my throat and the walls began to spin. I gripped the seat of my chair with both hands. I must have turned pale since a look of alarm crossed my mother's face, but she quickly leaned towards Cousin Molly and said, "She understands, of course she understands," then to me, "don't you sweetheart?"

I nodded, sucking breath through my teeth, and feeling my lips tighten into a smile. I stared at Cousin Molly defiantly, holding back tears, and repeated inwardly, don't cry, don't cry, don't cry. Then I slipped off my chair and avoiding the women's faces, feigned great interest in my sister's cut-outs, admiring the pretty clothes and dolls with exaggerated oohs and ahs.

Finally, Cousin Molly rose, thanked our mother for the tea and pressed her cloth coat against her face. "Ah, it's warm and dry," she said, gratefully. "The overshoes too."

"Let me help you," our mother said. "Put on your scarf and pull the hat down over your ears. There. Thank you for the presents." My sisters echoed thank you, thank you. Our father remained unconcerned in the kitchen.

Again my eyes met Cousin Molly's, and I delivered an unnaturally loud goodbye. She started down the passage, our mother following closely behind, cautioning her to walk carefully, not to slip on the ice, then the door opened and shut and she was gone.

Suddenly, my face defrosted and a peculiar sound emerged from my throat. It grew like an approaching train and I couldn't stop it. And with the sound came words of terrible anger, "I hate her. I hate her. I hate her. I'll always hate her!"

My sisters watched helplessly, the older one's face turned crimson, the younger one popped her thumb into her mouth and made loud sucking noises.

"Please, sweetheart, don't cry. She means well. Didn't she bring you a present every year? That nice book… " Our mother reached out to hold me, but I evaded her beckoning arms and stormed into my bedroom, flung myself on our bed and wailed, "I'll never forgive her, never never never. And I'll never talk to her again!"

I heard our father say with considerable satisfaction, "I told you no good would come of her presents."

That was the last time Cousin Molly brought presents. As for me, I never spoke to her again, and on family occasions, I avoided her. Many years later, I had every intention of attending her funeral, but somehow I didn't get there on time.

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Our elderly aunt arranged her frail frame in her wheelchair and, hopping aimlessly from one subject to another, lit on Cousin Molly. "She graduated high school, but it was hard times, so she sewed buttons in a factory, and lived by strangers in a room. One year, you were maybe twelve – thirteen, they threw her out because she lost her job and couldn't pay her room and board. But she still brought you Hanuka presents. She had a good heart, now your Uncle Getzel is another story… "

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Abella: I'm not sure a Jewish Studies program can do that. I think Jewish studies are very important because they give a respectability to Jewish education and tell Jewish students it's not simply acceptable to get your Jewish education in elementary and high school, but that the universities have now recognized their role in Western civilization, but I don't think that Jewish Studies programs will provide culture, tradition or religion or ideology. They will tell us where Jews fit into Western society, or Eastern society, they will tell us of our place in society, they will allow us to encourage studies of Jewish topics but in terms of providing us with a new religion, well that's certainly not the case.

Viewpoints: So, where does our youth find answers?

Abella: I'm not sure there is such a thing as common ideology. I think what these young people ought to know is what Jewishness means, what Judaism is all about, what Israel is all about, what our history is all about, what Jews have contributed to society.

Viewpoints: Perhaps we could spend a few moments discussing what changes you have noticed during your tenure in the Israel-Canada relationship.

Abella: The Canadian Jewish community is enormously supportive of Israel. I think there is some question about support of the present government as there was support of the previous government, but I think that's acceptable. I think there have been some fundamental changes wrought by the Israelis who want to rethink the role of the Diaspora as do many Diaspora Jews. There are questions the academics and intellectuals are debating all the time. The President of Israel has set up a special blue-ribbon committee to look at the problems, to look at the situation between Israel and the Diaspora and discuss whether the old lobbying and fundraising efforts have to be different. That's something that the Jewish community of the 21st century will deal with.

Viewpoints: Coming to the Canadian scene, what is the present situation regarding Congress' position on the forthcoming referendum? Are they articulating a position, or are they saying "hand's off"?

Abella: No. I hope that Congress will not say "hands off". For the past two administrations, Congress has taken a very strong position on national unity. We've become very involved in the debate. We've formed coalitions with other ethnic groups. We have worked strenuously on the issue of national unity and I hope we take a very strong position. We are a community which is part of Canada, which wants to remain part of Canada, and will do what we can to make sure that Canada stays together. There are some people within the community who may differ from that position, but as an organized Jewish community from coast to coast, Congress will, I hope, retain the position that it's an obligation on the part of our community to fight the battle of national unity, fight it wherever we can… articulate it, write about it, lobby for it, debate, discuss and ultimately play an important role in that ongoing debate. We're Jews, we're Canadians, we're Jewish Canadians, and, as such, we have a role to play in this fight.

Viewpoints: What about the ongoing internal debate as to whether Congress should be involved in "political questions" such as, affirmative action, capital punishment, abortion, gender equality; should we articulate positions on these?

Abella: I don't see those as political questions. I see those as questions of conscience, as social issues, as issues of human rights and civil liberties that Congress has taken positions on in the last ten or fifteen years. We ought to be very much involved in most of these things with the possible exception of abortion – that's a more personal issue – but I think on all the other issues, Congress has taken a very strong position on behalf of those people who feel under attack, those people who feel as if they're being treated unjustly, and Congress ought to take strong positions and has.

Viewpoints: Has a consensus been reached on the question of affirmative action?

Abella: Yes. Employment equity is something that speaks close to my household but it began long before I took over as President. The employment equity and affirmative action position of Congress was approved two administrations ago as a vehicle, a means of helping people who were really oppressed, like the visible minorities, the disabled and aboriginal Canadians.

Viewpoints: What does Congress do if there isn't a consensus on a certain question?

Abella: We have committees who meet in the Regions and discuss the question. They then report to the National Committees and it is only after their decision is made that we take a position.

I think our job is to form a consensus in this manner. And if we can't our job is ultimately to lead. We are the representative body of the Jewish community. We have been its shield, its conscience and its soul for 75 years and should continue in that role.

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of the community, of my people, of the world.

It was once thought that the State of Israel could free its citizens from the burden of belonging and behaving. Having created Jewish *space*, there would be no need to celebrate Jewish *time*. In Israel, we thought, you didn't have to belong to a Synagogue, because your Israeli passport was the most convincing badge of your Jewish identity, and you needed no other.

Do Israelis Have To Belong To A Synagogue?

We believed that Israelis didn't need rituals to express themselves as Jews, because all of their public life – and especially military service – made them behave as Jews. By now, though, many Israelis have come to reconsider their position. Having experienced the massive nihilism among the many, and the flight to fundamentalism among the few, they, too, are witnessing growing spiritual despair among the young, even when it appears in the guise of allegiance to some guru in Bengal or Brooklyn. The absence of Jewish behaviour has not brought freedom but a vacuum. As vacuum is impossible in religion, the real thing is soon replaced by a lethal *ersatz* that hides the void.

If even Israel cannot provide identity without belonging and behaving, what chances do we have here? If Jewishness without holiness is hollow in the Jewish state, how desolate and empty it must be in the Diaspora! None of us, sensitive to the needs of the hour, can be oblivious to that emptiness. None of us, conscious of personal responsibility, can fail to seek a response from the supra-personal. What we need is a little initiative and some determination. Another word for both is *teshuvah*, return that is repentance; a turning back from the rituals of play to the rituals of prayer.

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"WE BEAR WITNESS ETERNALLY"

During a trip to Ukraine last week, U.S. President Bill Clinton paid tribute to the tens of thousands of Jews murdered at Babi Yar by the Nazis. "Here on the edge of this wooded ravine, we bear witness eternally to the consequences of evil," said Clinton, who attended the ceremony with wife Hillary after meeting with leaders of the Kiev Jewish community. *[RNS photo]*

Accused Nazi back in Canada

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Alleged war criminal Helmut Oberlander has returned to his home in Waterloo, Ont., rather than face a deportation hearing in the United States.

After meeting with Eli Rosenbaum, head of the U.S. Office of Special Investigations (OSI), Oberlander, 71, was placed on the next available commercial flight to Canada from Florida.

Oberlander returned to face an uncertain future. Federal officials here have accused him of lying about his wartime activities when he entered Canada in 1954 and when he applied for citizenship in 1960. He faces possible loss of citizenship and deportation.

The retired home builder is alleged to have participated in the execution of civilians as a member of the SS security service from 1941 to 1943.

Rosenbaum said "under no circumstances will the United States allow itself to become a haven for those who are credibly accused by other governments of complicity in the barbaric crimes of the Nazi regime."

Court documents filed in Toronto last week by the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration allege that Oberlander served with the German Security Police and Security Service (Sipo and SD), which were part of the SS.

"The Sipo and SD were elite, voluntary organizations, reserved for the most loyal and reliable," the documents state.

Between 1941-43, Oberlander served as an interpreter with Einsatzkommando 10A, a unit of the Einsatzgruppen, used by Sipo and SD as mobile killing squads to murder Jews in German-occupied territory.

He "was armed with a pistol and occasionally had a sub-machine-gun."

The court documents also allege that "as an interpreter, [Oberlander] would have taken part in the interrogation of prisoners of war, persons detained by the unit and other persons suspected of being hostile to German interests. On several occasions, he went on operations with other members of Einstazkommando 10A, equipped with a sub-machine gun. In or about early November 1942, [Oberlander] took part in an action against partisans together with other members of [the unit]...In early 1943, he received a war service medal for his work."

The documents go on to outline a number of mass executions carried out by Einsatzkommando 10A, adding that "members of the unit knew that the killing of Jews and communists was a primary function of the unit."

According to a U.S. newspaper report, Oberlander purchased a condominium in Marco Island, Fla., at least three years ago.

Ronnie Edelman, principal deputy director of the OSI, said Oberlander has been on a U.S. Immigration "watch list" but may have been able to enter the country because his name is spelled differently on the list.

Immigration Canada spokesperson Roger White said there is nothing to prevent Oberlander, a Canadian citizen since 1960, from entering and exiting Canada. "We don't have exit controls," he said. "Until there's a decision made by the court on his status," Oberlander can come and go.

Oberlander left for Florida on the day immigration documents were filed in court.

Hershon wins

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Goldie Hershon was elected the 14th national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, defeating veteran Jewish leader Thomas Hect by a very narrow margin at the Congress Plenary Assembly.

The precise results were not made public but were so close that the Hecht team demanded and received a recount. A total of 848 of about 1,000 eligible votes were cast, said elections chair Stanley Abbey.

Delegate accreditation was a chaotic scene, with Congress officials unable to cope with the flood of organizational delegates who applied at the last minute.

Even those who pre-registered months before had to wait hours to receive their accreditation.

Staff and volunteers were hard-pressed to verify whether applicants were bona fide representatives of the organizations, or indeed whether these organizations had the membership claimed or existed at all. Staff member Shellie Ettinger estimated over 100 were ultimately turned away.

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PLO: Don't move U.S. embassy

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

UNITED NATIONS — The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) on Friday warned of "catastrophic consequences" if the United States moves its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Referring to legislation introduced by leading Republicans in the U.S. Congress, the United Nations' PLO observer, Nasser al-Kidwa, said: "We want to warn of the catastrophic consequences which these attempts might cause if they are successful."

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NEXT WEEK

Sudbury has maintained a viable Jewish community for almost a century. Now there are concerns about the community's future. Paul Lungen reports.

Palestinians condemn land appropriation — Please see page 33

The News In Brief Everywhere

CANADA

Witnesses Sought

OTTAWA — The War Crimes and Special Investigations section of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is seeking witnesses who may have direct knowledge of executions committed in Slonim, Tschepilowe and Petrolewizce, all now in Belarus, between July 1941 and August 1942. The executions were carried out by the German SS and local forces.

As well, the unit is seeking individuals who were incarcerated in Pawiak prison in Warsaw between April and August of 1943.

All information is treated in confidence. Contact Cpl. Ken Lavoie at 613-990-8467 or Bernie Farber at 416-635-2883.

Liberal Candidate Dumped

OTTAWA — Ontario's Liberal party last week dumped a provincial election candidate for making what leader Lyn McLeod called derogatory statements about Jews and Catholics.

Mohamed Bassuny was removed as a Liberal candidate in the riding of Carleton because a book he wrote, *To Pope With Love*, contains "inappropriate and intolerant statements about a number of groups," McLeod said at a news conference.

Bassuny, a native Egyptian, said he will fight the move.

Deniers Evicted

OTTAWA — Two Holocaust deniers who disrupted a free screening of *Schindler's List* at the Canadian War Museum late last month had to be ejected.

About mid-way through the film, two people stood and shouted that the scenes were a lie and part of a Jewish conspiracy.

The two men put up no resistance when they were asked to leave, except for some insults. Police were called but no charges have been laid.

Sorry, Mr. Laskin

THUNDER BAY — An apology to Saul Laskin, about whom incorrect information appeared in this space last week. Laskin was president of this city's Shaarey Shomayim Congregation and head of the Thunder Bay chapter of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

He is a former mayor of Port Arthur and the first mayor of Thunder Bay. He oversaw Port Arthur's merger with Fort William 25 years ago.

Laskin, 76, will receive an honorary degree from Lakehead University on May 27.

Canadians Among Fellows

TORONTO — Three Canadians are among 21 Jewish communal professionals in North America to have been selected as Fellows for the Council of Jewish Federations' new Executive Development Program.

The two-year program begins in late July in Greensboro, N.C., with an intensive week of leadership assessment, development and planning.

The three Canadians are Danyael Cantor and Maxyne Finkelstein from FEDERATION CJA in Montreal, and Morris Zbar from Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Max Goliger Dies

BURLINGTON, Ont. — Travel pioneer Max Goliger died here May 10 after a lengthy bout with cancer. He was 86.

Goliger fled his native Czechoslovakia and headed to Palestine in 1935. He later worked in Tel Aviv for a Norwegian airline and ran a travel agency in Jerusalem.

He and and his family came to Canada in 1952, and three years later, he started his own agency, Holiday Travel Service, in Montreal.

He and his son Dan later opened branch offices in Toronto and Frobisher Bay.

ISRAEL

Weizman Returns

JERUSALEM — President Ezer Weizman returned last Wednesday from VE-Day celebrations in Moscow, accompanied by 51 immigrants from Russia and the Caucasus regions.

Greeted by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, MKs and dignitaries, the new immigrants, mostly teenagers, stood in silence during their first few minutes in Israel, as an Army marching band played *Hatikva*.

Weizman and his wife, Reuma returned from a five-day European tour representing Israel in VE-Day celebrations in London, Paris and Moscow. In the Russian capital, he laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

WORLD

Blast Rocks Shul

RIGA — An explosion May 6 rocked this Latvian city's sole remaining synagogue, one day before the Jewish community marked the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and the Holocaust.

The bomb exploded in the early hours of Shabbat, shattering the Peitavas Synagogue's glass windows and light fixtures and ruining its basement sanctuary, according to Mordechai Glazman, one of two Lubavitch rabbis at the synagogue. There were no injuries.

Two days later, Latvia's president and prime minister made unscheduled visits to the synagogue and Riga's Jewish cemetery to mark the 50th anniversary.

Arson Hits Shul

LUBECK — A May 7 arson attack against this northern German city's main synagogue came just hours before Berlin's Jewish community rededicated their main synagogue.

An extension to the Lubeck shul was destroyed in the blaze. Nobody was injured, though there were people in the building at the time.

The fire prompted some 2,000 people to gather in Lubeck's streets to protest the attack.

It was the second time in 14 months the synagogue was attacked.

Second Probe Launched

SANTIAGO — At the Jewish community's request, police in the Chilean city of Concepcion have launched a second investigation into an explosion that rocked the Zionist Centre there last month.

The blast occurred the morning of April 16, a few hours after the second Passover seder, and injured the centre's two caretakers.

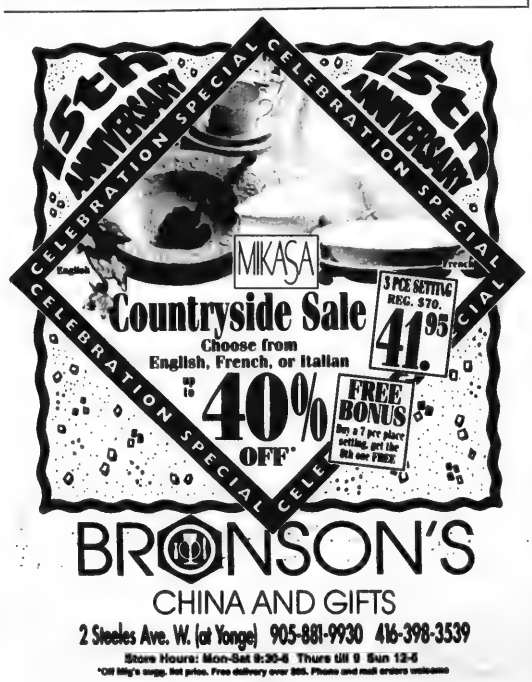
Police initially concluded that the blast was triggered by a buildup of liquid gas.

Concepcion, about 500 km south of here, has Chile's third largest Jewish community.

Ruling on Priebke

BUENOS AIRES — Jewish groups have welcomed a ruling by an Argentine judge to extradite to Italy former SS officer Erich Priebke, who has admitted to his role in a 1944 massacre of 335 civilians, 75 of them Jews.

Priebke, 81, has lived in Argentina since 1948.



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Details finalized in JCC reorganization

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At $18 million, it's a done deal.

After months of hand-wringing, creditors' meetings and court dates, the Ts have been crossed and the Is have been dotted in the legal paperwork that marks the official reorganization of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC).

The result is the permanent breakup of the JCC's three branches into distinct non-profit corporations, the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC), the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (Bloor JCC) and the Valley Tennis and Swim Club (the Valley).

As part of the multi-party transaction, community organizations have gone on the hook for the JCC's debts to the tune of about $18 million.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto led the way: paying the JCC's unsecured creditors in full to a total of $2.25 million (former employees received funds based on a statutory formula); replenishing the JCC's $3.4-million endowment funds; paying Honeywell about $750,000; transferring to the Bank of Montreal (BMO) about $5 million on closing the deal.

In addition, the Bloor JCC took out a mortgage for $3 million, its share of the JCC's bank debt, and the Valley will pay the BMO $1 million.

Earlier, the federation and the community endowment fund advanced about $1.8 million to help pay the JCC's debts. On closing, the federation also arranged a $2.5-million operating line of credit for the BJC.

The federation will launch a special campaign to finance the bailout.

The Bloor JCC and the Valley will be owned and managed by non-profit corporations established by members' groups, while the federation will control a corporation that owns the land and buildings at 4588 Bathurst St. The BJC will be managed by yet another corporation.

In other developments, the BJC has hired a new full-time executive director.

Montreal-born Deborah Pinsky will take over the post in July from Gordon Wolfe, the head of the Jewish Family & Child Service, who is temporarily in charge of BJC operations.

Pinsky is currently the director of Valley Cities Jewish Community Centre, one of six JCCs in the Greater Los Angeles area.

A masters graduate in social work from McGill University, Pinsky began her career as a social worker and director of lifestyles programming at the Snowdon Branch of the Montreal YM-YWHA. She eventually became Snowdon's program director and then moved over to run the Y's Davis branch.

Changing global scene said favoring Israel

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — The dramatically changing global profile of economic and political relations favors Israel, said a political science professor recently.

"You are watching a revolution in world politics the likes of which we have not seen since the Protestant Reformation," Ellen Cannon, a professor at Northeastern Illinois and Roosevelt universities, told an audience at an Israel Bonds dinner.

"The first change is that the economic structure is rapidly changing itself into another form of capitalism, except this time, Israel is in the right place at the right time, in the right century, hitting a home run."

Capitalism is moving away from an emphasis on material goods, she said. The primary product in a restructured world economy is going to be information. And Israel, with its vast intellectual capital, is poised to benefit from this transformation.

Since the collapse of the U.S.S.R., global political organization has shifted from a bipolar model, with the U.S.S.R. and its friends on one side and the United States and all its friends on the other. Instead, Cannon said, we are seeing the emergence of regional powers, such as the European community, with one strong country at the centre. Israel is at the centre of the Middle Eastern regional power, she said.

A riveting storyteller, Cannon peppered her address with personal anecdotes. She told the audience about the only promise her father ever asked her to make. On the day she was to celebrate turning 12 by giving a scholarly talk to the women at her synagogue her father, who had lost his whole family in the Holocaust, gathered her in his tallit and asked that she dedicate her life to remembering the Jewish people. Too young to understand the power of that promise, Cannon says she does now.

"I understand as a mother and I understand as a grandmother and I understand what is facing us ... I understand why every single generation will come together through eternity and teach it to their children, as though we were standing at Sinai for the first time and saying to them, 'This is what we will do, this is what obligation looks like, this is why we have a state, why in a changing world every single Jew has an obligation to keep our people alive.'"

Appropriately, Cannon was speaking to a crowd that had come to honor six women for their outstanding volunteer commitment to Israel and the community they live in. Some have held prominent leadership positions, others have worked quietly in the background for years.

The women being honored were Barbara Solomon-Brown, Goldie Cantor, Vera Gara, Carol Kassie, Lori Loeb and Shelly Schachnow.

Cantor summed up the sentiments of the honorees in her thank you speech. "I am humbled by this tribute and at the same time very thankful. I never saw myself as doing anything out of the ordinary or worthy of this honor, having tried all my life simply to behave in the manner that I saw my parents act and I hope that my children saw in our home."

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Cantors help to liven up Yom Ha'atzmaut in Halifax

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — It may not have had the build-up of a Pavarotti-Domingo-Carreras production, but the three cantors who combined their voices in a recent concert here drew raves for their rich voices and ability to move the audience.

Cantor Stuart Friedman of Beth Israel Synagogue in Halifax appeared with Yair and Arie Subar of Montreal to show more than 300 people how a cantor can lead his congregants in prayer or bring them to their feet with rousing Yiddish and Hebrew folk songs.

The Yom Ha'atzmaut concert was sponsored by the Atlantic Jewish Council and the Jewish Men's Club of Halifax.

Cantor Freidman drew the longest ovation for his reading of *Rachel, Quand du Siegneur*, an aria from J. F. Halevy's opera *La Juive*. The Subars' closing medley of folksongs moved the audience to sing and clap.

Atlantic Jewish Council president Larry Freeman said he was pleased for the "opportunity to share our culture and heritage with our non-Jewish friends," who made up more than 30 per cent of the audience.

The Subar brothers, 14 years apart in age, were born into a family of cantors in Jerusalem. Arie is the cantor at Congregation Beth Ora. Yair served in Johannesburg before joining Congregation Beth Tikvah in Montreal six years ago.

"Cantoral singing has been in our blood," Arie said.

Friedman, Baltimore-born and educated, came to Halifax last fall.

"I thought about going into opera," he said, "and even won a two-year scholarship to study in Milan but thought, 'What's a nice Jewish boy doing in opera where you can't perform Friday night or Saturday?' I wanted to serve G-d and being a cantor was a way to combine that with singing."

Proceeds from the concert went to the Metro Halifax Jewish Family Services Fund, to provide for the needy.

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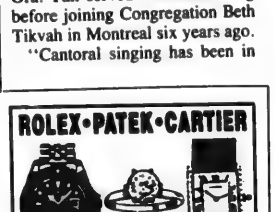
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צווי חנדערט יאר זיינען סאַרבי זיכ דער רומישער אַרלער חאָט אַריינגעשטעקט זייער נעגל אינעם הארץ פון יהודה, וי דאָס יידישע לאַנד חאָט דאַמאָלס נעזוכיט. די קריצערייען צווישן די סאַרטיטן חאָבן אַפּגעשוואַכט די כוחות פון אונדזער סאַלק.

יהודה איז נעווען אייגנטוימלעס אין מידער, נעבענקט אין נע־חלומ׳ט וועגן פריהיים. פון ציים צו ציים פלעגן אויסבלייבן פריהיים־בלומען, חאָט דער שוא חאָט אנטערדריקט. אין לוד חאָבן די יידן אַרבאַיידט אין אויפשטאַנד קעגן רום. די אַמיידער פונעם אויפשטאַנד זיינען נעווען צווי ברידער, פאַפוס אין ליליאנוס. די אַרבאַיידער חאָבן נישט נעגומען זיך נעגוג צייַן, וי נעהערעך צוצוגיין דעם אויפשטאַנד אין די רומער חאָבן דעם אויפשטאַנד שנעל אונטערדריקט אין די אַי־פידער חאָבן באַגאַלט מיט זייער לעבן. דערפון קען מען זען, אַז אפילו נאָך וועדן יהודים אין די אויסטאַדעוונג פון אַ נדיסער צאָל אויי־וואינער אין די שכונות־יקע לעמדער, חאָט דאָך ניט אפּגעשטעלט די נעבליבענע יידן אין יהודה, צו שפּינען דעם חלום פון אַן אויפשטאַנד אין פון פריהיים.

די יינגערע זיילן פון סאַלק חאָבן נעוואָנט צו נעווינען זייער פרי־הייט אין קאַמף קעגן שוא. די עלטערע עלעמענטן חאָבן נעליינט זייער חאָמונג אויף אַ משיחישן נלוינג.

דאָס סאַלק חאָט זיך נעטרוסקט אין אַ פידער, אַן אינעלנטריי־נעס, חאָט זאָל נעווינן פון צוטרוי, אין אויפלכער חאָט ניט נעלאָזט לאַנג חאַרטן אויף זיך. שמעון בר־כוכבא איז נעווען זייַן נאַמען. דער נא־מען חאָט נעווידקט וי כישוף צווישן די בריטע מאַסן פון יהודה; דער נאַמען חאָט נעווידקט צווישן די יידישע מאַסן, וי אַ נייער לעבנס־שטראָם אין סאַרטריקנע ביינער. אלע שיכטן פונעם סאַלק זיינען פשוט מאַרכשים׳ס נעווארן. אייניר פון די נרעסטע נעלעהטע ביי די יידן אין יענער צייט, ר׳ עקיבא בן יוסף, חאָט שטארק נעגלויבט אין בר־כוכבא׳ן. ר׳ עקיבא חאָט איבערנעלאָזט זיין ביזה המדש און איז אַרומנעפאָרן אין מאַרשידענע לענדער צוצוזייַען דאָס סאַלק מאַר אַן אויפשטאַנד קעגן דער רומישער, סידאַישער השפּאָנט איבער די יידן אין יהודה. עד חאָט זיך ניט נעוועכט דערמיט, חאָט אפילו אַ סייל פון זיינע פריינד חאָבן באַגאַלבט פון אים אן אים ציטירט דעם אויסדרוק: „ועלי עשבים בלחייך ומשיח לא בא עוד״ — נראָ וועט חאָקטן אויף זיינע באַקן אין משיח איז נאָך ניט נעקומען.

אין אַ נאַנץ קורצער ציים חאָט בר־כוכבא צונויפנעזאַמלט אַחוס אַ האַלבן מיליאָן העלדישע קעמפער. אפילו יונגע שולמדנים זיינען צונעשטאַנען צום קאַמף קעגן רום. דאָס ניבאַרישע רום איז נעווארן אויסנעצייכנט וועג אידע לעגיאָנען אין אַיע זיינען אַנטלאָפן פון בר־כוכבא׳ס אַרמיין. סיחאָט אויסנעזוכן, אַן די יידן נעווינען דעם קאַמף קעגן די רוימער.

כדי צו האַבעווען זייער כבוד, שיקן די רוימישע הערשער זייער בעסטן נענעראַל, יהליוס סעווערוס, קעגן בר־כוכבא׳ס אַרמי. דער רוימישער נענעראַל חאָט זיך שנעל אינעריינט, אַן מיט בלויפער מילימרישער נבורה וועט ער ניט קענען באַיגן בר־כוכבא׳ס העלדן. חאָט סעווערוס אַנעוואַנדן אַ נאַנץ אַנדערן מעטאָד אין זיין קאַמף מיט בר־כוכבא׳ן. ער חאָט ביסלעכווייז סאַרענערט אין סאַרשמעלערט דאָס מעלד פון דער יידישער אַרמי, ביז ער חאָט זי אייניגעדריבן אין אַן ענגן פּלאַץ, אַזוי אַז דאָס אַרט איז נעווען צו ענג צו באַוועגן זיך וי נעווענרק. די בר־כוכבא אַרמי, וואָס איז נעווען שטאַרק סאַרשיכוד־ט פון אידע נצחונות, חאָט נישט אפּגעשאַצט די סאַקטיק, וואָס דער נענעראַל חאָט נעמאַכט. די יידישע אַרמי איז אַזוי אַרום נעווארן קאַמפּנסטידט אין איין פּלאַץ. די מעסטנע פון ביזה איז אַזוי אַרום נעווען דאָס שלאַכט־פעלד, וואו ביידע אַרמייען חאָבן זיך באַאַנעט. די נעלונענע סאַקסיק פונעם רוימישן נענעראַל חאָט באַיגט דעם העלדישן כוח. פון דער בר־כוכבא אַרמי.

סאַשטייט זיך, דער ציל פון די פריהיים־קאמפער איז צעשטערט נעווארן אין זיי וואָבן פולשטענדיק סאַלוזיון דאָס ביסל פריהיים, וואָס זיי האָבן סאָר נעוואָס.

צו אונטיילן אַ סאַלקס העלד וי בר־כוכבא לייגן רעווולטאָס פון דער מלוכה איז נישט מעגלעך, וויל וען שמעון בר־כוכבא וואָלט נעוואונען די מלוכה מיט סעווערוס׳ן וואָלט דאָס סאַלק אים נעקרוינט מיט אַן אייביקן רום פון העלדישקייט. מיר מוזן אבער צוגעבן, אַז אפילע נע־סייע העלדן אַן איבערנעגעבע זיך וי בר־כוכבא ברעגען אויך אין זייער נידער־לאַגע סרואָן זיי די קרוין פון העלדן. כבוד זיין אַנדענקן

From coast to coast

Goldenberg: living in the inner sanctum

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

One of the most influential people in the inner sanctum of the Prime Minister's Office is Eddie Goldenberg, an impish-looking, 47-year-old Montreal-trained lawyer who has played a major role in Jean Chretien's political career.

Goldenberg has tremendous power. Everything the Liberal government does in Ottawa — whether it's a new free trade agreement, a slash-and-burn budget or a turbot-war against Spain — must first cross the desk of Edward S. Goldenberg, senior policy advisor to the prime minister.

Chretien and Goldenberg have been politically inseparable for two decades. Goldenberg has done very little else since university but serve Chretien. The pair have developed a relationship based on mutual loyalty and respect that is almost father to son.

"Eddie is one of the few men in Canada who can walk into Chretien's office unannounced, any time he wants to discuss whatever is on his mind," says a senior Liberal who has known both men for a long time. "He's got Chretien's ear, day and night, all the time. It's as simple as that."

Such unlimited access is Goldenberg's reward for having served variously as Chretien's gofer, baggage carrier, devoted aide, political fixer and true believer through thick and thin, good times and bad, for the past 20 years.

The two men complement each other beautifully. Chretien thinks with his heart; Goldenberg thinks with his brains. Chretien is at ease in any crowd; Goldenberg appears awkward in social situations. Chretien enjoys delivering a rousing political speech; Goldenberg enjoys working out a new policy.

Goldenberg's loyalty has never wavered. When Liberal supporters deserted Chretien by the thousands in 1983 in favor of John Turner, Goldenberg stuck by Chretien.

That loyalty has been reciprocated. When the Liberal caucus demanded Goldenberg's head as a scapegoat during the party's hard times in opposition in the early '90s, Chretien refused to give in and kept Goldenberg on his staff.

They've been together in tough times too. When Chretien quit politics temporarily in 1985, he went to work for Lang Michener, where Goldenberg had already opened the firm's Ottawa office, a convenient place for Chretien to hang his hat for a while.

Goldenberg grew up in Montreal, the son of the renowned labor mediator Judge Carl Goldenberg. He went to McGill University where he was a gold medalist undergraduate in economics and political science in 1969. After a year at the Institut des Etudes Politiques in Paris, he returned to McGill and did his master's degree in political science and followed that with a law degree in 1974.

He signed on in 1975 as a special assistant to Chretien, then a cabinet minister in charge of the Treasury Board. He stuck with his newfound hero as Chretien worked his way up the cabinet ladder to minister of industry in 1976 and minister of finance in 1977.

When Chretien made a run at the Liberal leadership in January 1990, Goldenberg was his vice-chair and one of the campaign's top strategists. It came as no surprise that Goldenberg was appointed principal secretary when Chretien became Opposition leader, and then senior policy advisor to the prime minister after the 1993 general election that brought the Liberals to power.

Goldenberg jealously guards his personal life, doesn't give press interviews, and maintains a huge network of life-long friends who make up for the family he has never had because of his 126-hour week. He has never married, although his friends quickly attest that his interest in women has never wavered. He may not make friends easily, but when he does, the relationships last a long time.

His friends appreciate his wry, self-deprecating wit. Told recently that the lights had been burning late in his second floor Langevin Block office, Goldenberg quickly dismissed it: "Yeah, it was the cleaning staff."

Goldenberg is often seen in restaurants about town, sometimes three times a day, and often far into the night discussing complex governmental political theories with his cronies.

Recently Goldenberg was driving to a restaurant with some friends and at least one journalist, when an urgent call came through on the car telephone. It was Chretien wanting to discuss some important government matter.

"Er, this isn't a very good time to be discussing this, sir," replied Goldenberg, and Chretien, surely thinking he had interrupted something else, promptly excused himself and signed off. The car exploded with laughter.

Goldenberg has a secret passion — canoeing. His office walls are lined with photos not of famous politicians, but of himself canoeing on various rivers.

For years he and a group of buddies have tested themselves on some of the most treacherous rivers in Canada. They have canoed on the Nahane, the Petawawa and even scored a first by canoeing on the Ruggles River on Ellesmere Island, less than 400 miles from the North Pole. They had to be rescued by helicopter after the weather turned bad.

"Eddie is powerfully built, especially around the shoulders," says his friend, CTV reporter Craig Oliver. "I've seen him pull a loaded canoe nine miles across open ice. Try that sometimes."

During a canoe trip on a treacherous stretch of the Petawawa, Goldenberg overturned. Oliver caught him floating, nearly unconscious, about to be swept away, and offered to trade Goldenberg's life in return for an on-camera interview. Publicity-shy Goldenberg was adamant — no interview. Oliver saved him anyway.

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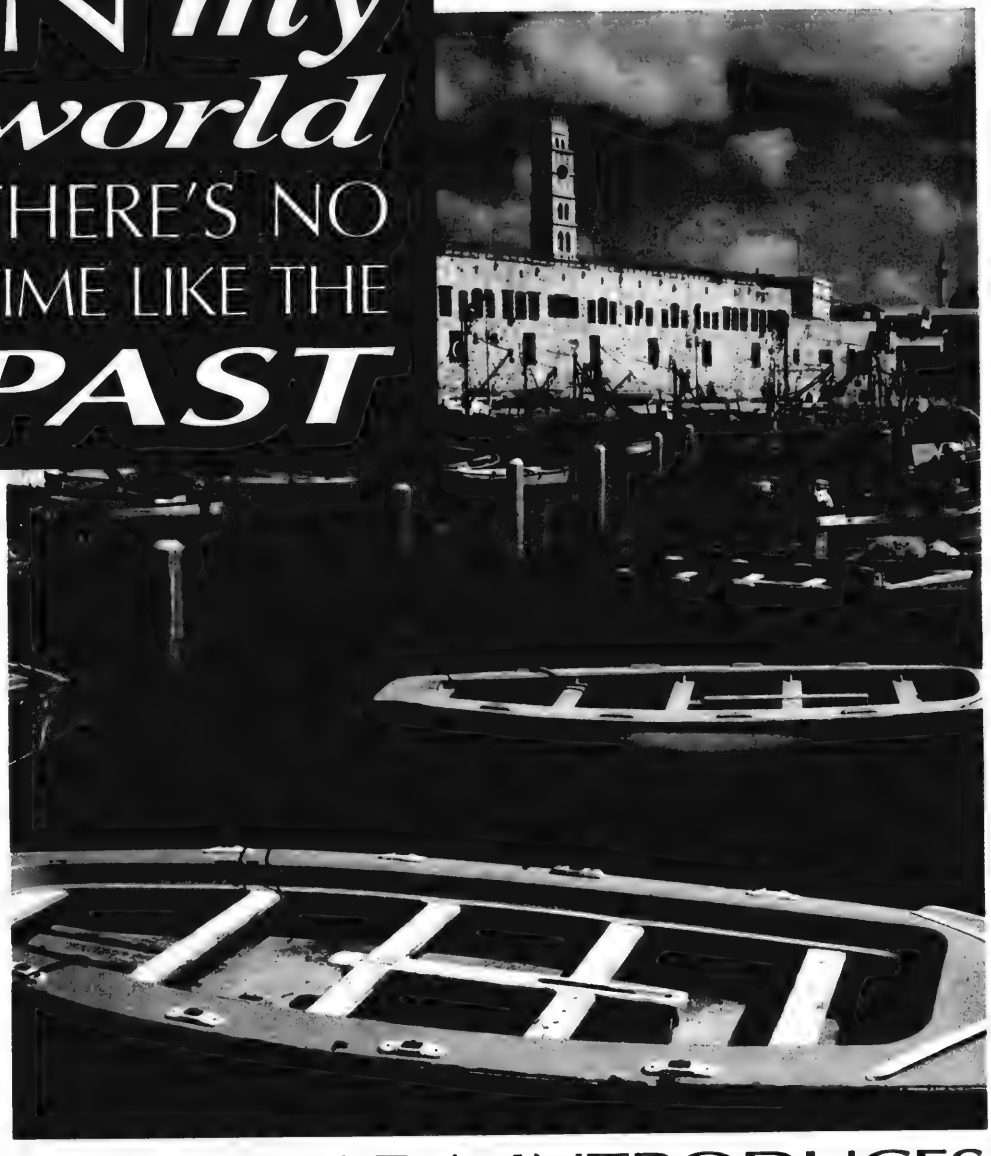

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From coast to coast

Burdi sentenced to one year in jail

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Neo-Nazi leader George Burdi has been sentenced to one year in jail for kicking an anti-racist demonstrator in the face during a wild brawl in Ottawa two years ago.

The sentence far outstrips those handed two other white supremacists charged in the May 1993 melee. Their sentences were in the one- to two-month range.

Burdi, 24, is leader of the Canadian branch of the violently racist Church of the Creator and a singer with the music group, RaHoWa (Racial Holy War). He is also a key figure in Detroit-based Resistance Records, which distributes the music of racist rock groups.

"The conviction and sentence make it more difficult for Burdi to operate across the [U.S.] border," said B'nai Brith spokesperson Rubin Friedman.

"A sentence of one year sends out the strongest message possible. Neo-Nazi violence will not be tolerated," said Louis Lenkinski, outgoing chair of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress.

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Police are investigating claims that a U.S.-based Jewish group was responsible for the fire that damaged the downtown Toronto headquarters of neo-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel.

A man claiming to represent the Jewish Armed Resistance Movement (JARM) called the Toronto *Sun* and claimed responsibility for the blaze.

But Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Congress, said JARM has long been defunct.

"[It] existed more than 20 years ago and they committed acts of violence in the New York area," Farber said. "But the last they were heard from was 1978. It seems to have been an offshoot of the JDL."

Farber suggested that reference to a long-disbanded extremist Jewish group "could be a ruse to throw people off the track."

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Canadian Jewish Congress is playing down the significance of a reputed informant for the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) taking up the cause of the white supremacy organization he was attempting to infiltrate.

"Intelligence is a dirty business. Sometimes you win, sometimes you lose," Farber said.

News reports indicate that Luke Desilets was hired one year ago by CSIS to infiltrate the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations. In a recently-released promotional video, Desilets repudiates his former CSIS handlers and says he has adopted the views of the Aryan Nations.

The Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC), CSIS' civilian watchdog, is investigating.

But Farber said Desilets appears to be a minor player.

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Parents' strength an inspiration

Just one month ago, Alisa Flatow, a Brandeis student studying in Israel, lost her life on an Egged bus in Gaza. She was mortally wounded when a piece of shrapnel pierced her brain. Still at the height of their grief, her parents decided to donate her organs to needy Israelis. At least six people were helped. Unfortunately, two have since died.

We commented at that time on the remarkable strength of character and profoundly immeasurable generosity they displayed.

Alisa was 20 years old when she was killed, bright, energetic, lovely, in the early flower of life and loved by many. Like all victims of terror, her life was ended cruelly by crazed, cowardly people filled with hate.

We mourn all such victims. Each life taken was precious and irreplaceable, lost forever to their families, to their people and to the world.

But Alisa's death sent an additional shiver through Diaspora hearts. She could have been the child — studying, touring or simply visiting — of any one of us. In a certain sense she was.

Indeed, we remember just a few years ago, how a beautiful, young Toronto girl, Marnie Kimelman, lost her life on a beach in Tel Aviv, also a victim of the terrorists' cowardly hatred and random murder. Her parents understand in a way most of us cannot the true depth of the Flatows' suffering and the true dimension of their courageous response.

Sensing this shiver, Rosalyn and Stephen Flatow, Alisa's parents, have again responded poignantly in a moving attempt to ease it. They are establishing a foundation in Alisa's memory that will assist students from the Diaspora to pursue their religious studies in Israel.

In a letter to the editor of the *Jewish Week* of New York published on May 5, Mr. and Mrs. Flatow explained their reasons.

"Alisa would not want anyone, especially students, to distance themselves from Israel. Because we believe so strongly in the need for Jewish youth to study in Israel, we have established the Alisa Flatow Memorial Fund for the purpose of providing scholarships on a need and scholarship basis to young men and women to study at Yeshivas in Israel."

Speaking to the *Jewish Week*, Mr. Flatow elaborated. "If someone were to call me up, I would tell them that they have to send their kids to Israel, otherwise the terrorists win."

We must all take heart from the strength of these remarkable individuals and be inspired by their example, and above all, we must pledge never to let terrorists win.

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Polish Congress replies to Rabbi Bulka

I am writing in response to the charge made by Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka in your May 11 issue, that Poland is "so steeped in anti-Semitism that it eagerly cooperated with the Nazis in the cold-blooded murder of Jews."

Leading Holocaust historians such as Raul Hilberg, Yisrael Gutman and Szymon Datner have addressed this issue so I need not offer my own historical assessment.

Gutman, the director of research at the Yad Vashem Institute and editor-in-chief of the authoritative Encyclopedia of the Holocaust has stated: "All accusations against the Poles that they are responsible for the 'Final Solution' are not even worth mentioning. Secondly, there is no validity at all in the contention that Polish attitudes were the reason for the siting of the death camps in Poland." And again: "I want to be unequivocal about this. When it is said that Poles supposedly took part in the extermination of the Jews on the side of the Germans, that is not true. It has no foundation." Datner, longtime director of the Warsaw Jewish Historical Institute, has been equally blunt: "Poles are not responsible for the crimes of the Holocaust."

Given the choice between these scholars, who have spent decades studying and researching the subject, and the bald claim of Rabbi Bulka, no reasonable person would hesitate in rejecting the latter and recognizing it for what it is: profound ignorance.

While clergymen need not be good historians, one would think that before they took pen in hand they would stop to think whether or not they are bearing false witness against their neighbors, even though they be Christians.

Mrs. Hanna Sokolski
President
Canadian Polish Congress

Attempts to save Jews of Hungary and Slovakia

Yehuda Bauer's book: *Jews for Sale* (Yale University Press 1994) is a masterful analysis of the heroic attempts of Jews to save other Jews during the Holocaust.

Sheldon Kirshner's review of the book (*CJN*, April 20) requires a few comments: The efforts of Joel Brand, Rezsoe Kasztner, Otto Komoly and others cannot be called a failure. Apart from the Bergen-Belsen train, an additional 20,000 Jews were shipped to Austria. About 12,000 survived. An "action" was planned by the SS on Aug. 25, 1944 to deport the Jews of Budapest to Auschwitz. It never took place. The negotiations between Kasztner and others with the SS leaders "were the direct cause of the rescue of the Jews of Budapest" (p. 221).

Heroic gentiles such as Raoul Wallenberg and the Swiss envoy Charles Lutz saved thousands of lives. Wallenberg gave his own life as well — to save Jews from death. But the initiative of the Jewish leaders who tried to save as many lives as they could must not be forgotten. Many paid with their own lives.

Kirshner writes that "under German pressure, the Slovakians agreed to the deportation of the Jewish citizens." In actual fact, the first Slovak republic, whose president was a prelate, was the first National Socialist puppet state to cooperate with the mass murderers with great enthusiasm. There was no pressure. It was the Slovaks, not the Germans, who initiated the deportations.

Slovakia was unique in another respect: it was the only Axis State which agreed to pay the Germans (RM 500) per person, in return for permission to keep the property of those whom they sent to be killed and an assurance that these Jews would never return. A total of 75,000 out of 90,000 Slovakian Jews were murdered.

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Applauds Third Seder for HIV victims

The Jewish community owes the Holy Blossom Temple and the other reform synagogues in Toronto much gratitude and they, in turn, deserve our keen admiration for their sensitivity and moral courage in organizing a Third Seder for HIV victims here.

Although compassion and g'milut chesed for our less fortunate brethren have long been Jewish civic virtues, traditional Judaism has had much difficulty accommodating itself to the complexities of the human condition, particularly when they appear to offend our preconceptions of acceptable forms of sexual conduct.

Let's hope the other synagogues will put aside their misgivings and reservations and that they will wholeheartedly join the reform synagogues next year in sponsoring this manifestation of solidarity and humanity with our tragically afflicted co-religionists.

Jacob S. Ziegel
Toronto

3,800 Polish Jewish soldiers gave lives

Janice Rosen in her laudable article "Significant Jewish presence in military" (*CJN* May 4) mentions the 63 Jews of the "First Polish Amoured Division-First Canadian Army" who gave their lives on the battle fields of France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

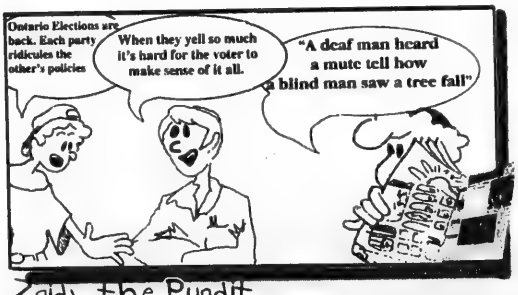
This story would not be complete without drawing attention to the fact that the above represents the participation in the Canadian Armed Forces only.

More than 3,800 Polish Jewish soldiers were killed in action in all theatres of war where the Polish armies fought. That figure includes the more than 600 Jewish officers murdered by the Soviet NKVD in the Katyn forests.

It would be amiss not to pay tribute to the 24 gallant Jewish pilots of the Polish Air Force who sacrificed their lives during the Battle of Britain.

All these valiant soldiers, together with their brothers and sisters, the ghetto fighters and partisans gave their lives for Am Israel.

Willie Glaser
Montreal


Ontario Elections are back. Each party ridicules the other's policies
When they yell so much it's hard for the voter to make sense of it all.
"A deaf man heard a mute tell how a blind man saw a tree fall"
Zaidy the Pundit

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Perspectives

Lag b'Omer: plagued by mystery

By MARTIN I. LOCKSHIN

To some people, Lag b'Omer means a school outing to the forest with a bow and arrows or a field day of sports activities. To other people it is a Jewish Guy Fawkes Day, when children light fires in unlikely locations and parents pretend to be unconcerned. To thousands of Israelis, it means a pilgrimage to the usually sleepy Galilee town of Meron. To historians, Lag b'Omer is a riddle that perhaps will never be totally understood.

Lag b'Omer, literally the 33rd day of the Omer, is celebrated in different ways by different Jews, but it is always seen as a happy day. The rest of the Omer — the period of 50 days that separates Pesach and Shavuot — has, on the other hand, been seen by Jewish tradition as a time of mourning and sadness. Neither the origin of the sadness of the Omer nor the origin of the happiness of Lag b'Omer is totally agreed upon.

There is not the slightest hint in the Bible or in the Talmud that the Omer should be a period of mourning. In biblical times, the Omer was probably a time of happiness, when the grain harvest in Israel was at its height and the weather in Israel was (and is) ideal.

Then, a little over 1,000 years ago, we see in texts that Jews were relating to the Omer as a time of sadness and of deprivation. Yet even these earliest texts reflect puzzlement about how and why the Omer restrictions came into place.

Some medieval authorities saw the reason as mystical. They suggested that punishment of the wicked after death takes place from Pesach to Shavuot. For others, the restrictions of Omer were seen as commemorating the events of medieval Ashkenazi history. Many of the atrocities of the Crusaders against the Jews of Europe, beginning in the year 1096, were committed during the early spring, i.e., during the days of the Omer.

But the most common explanation of the origin of the Omer restrictions is that they commemorate some sad event in Jewish history from a much earlier period, the times just before and just after the destruction of the Temple in the year 70 CE. The most popular rabbinical explanation says the Omer restrictions commemorate the "plague" that caused the deaths of 24,000 students of Rabbi Akiva, deaths that the Talmud teaches us took place between Pesach and Shavuot.

It is possible this "plague" is actually a reference to the persecutions by the Roman emperor Hadrian, who outlawed many Jewish practices, including the study of Torah, after crushing the Bar Kochba revolt (130-132 CE). The persecutions of rabbis in this period are well-documented in the Talmud and other sources.

Attempting to repel the Romans. [*Bar-Kokhba*, **Widenfeld and Nicholson, 1971**]

So why is one day of the Omer, Lag b'Omer, a happy one? Again, so many different answers have been offered that we must conclude no one really knows for sure.

The most common medieval explanation (with scant support in the Talmud) is that the plague that affected Rabbi Akiva's students stopped on the 33rd day of Omer. But a number of other explanations connect Lag b'Omer to other events in the first or second centuries.

Many historians have connected Lag b'Omer to some form of Jewish rebellion against the Romans. The Jewish historian Josephus tells a story of an organized Jewish rebellion in Jerusalem against the Roman governor Florus in May of the year 66 CE. The Jews pelted the Romans with stones thrown from above and successfully put off a plan to despoil the Temple in order to collect a new punitive tax from the Jews.

Josephus gives us a precise date for that event that corresponds to the 17th of Iyar on the Jewish calendar, i.e., the 32nd day of the Omer. (Could one speculate that the Jews might then have celebrated their victory — following the pattern of Purim — on the day following the conflict, the 33rd day of the Omer?)

An alternate and even more speculative theory suggests Lag b'Omer might be a commemoration of some early and successful event in the Bar Kochba revolt. The advantage of these two last explanations is that they provide some good reason for its connection between Lag b'Omer and weapons like bows and arrows (not a common element of any other Jewish celebration).

Another set of explanations tries to connect Lag b'Omer to some event in the life of one of Rabbi Akiva's greatest students, Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai. Some say Lag b'Omer commemorates his death; others say Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai was married on Lag b'Omer, and yet others say he was ordained a rabbi on that day.

With so many different explanations, is there anything we can say for certain about Lag b'Omer?

We can note that Lag b'Omer is almost always connected to the theme of opposition to tyranny. Rabbi Shimon bar Yohai was one of the rabbis who spoke out most strongly against the Roman regime in the Holy Land. The Talmud says he is the rabbi who, not surprisingly, had to hide from the Romans for many years and live in caves in order to stay alive and continue to study Torah.

The theme of standing up against tyrants remains timely even today, but one other theme common to many explanations about Lag b'Omer deserves mention.

Classical sources often see the custom of taking bows and arrows and going off into the forest as commemorating the way Jews in the second century had to camouflage the fact they were going to study Torah — by pretending they were going hunting.

While today, thank God, we have no need to hide our Torah gatherings, I still think one might learn from Lag b'Omer that there are many venues and many ways to study Torah. If a trip to the forest with a bow and arrow can be turned into a Torah session, so can many other modern things — like sessions on the Internet or interactive games. Different props might be used at different times, but Jewish learning can and must adapt to new settings.

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Tragic lesson of Rabbi Akiva's students

By GARY ROSENBLATT

The Jewish calendar is filled with memories, particularly this month; dates and reminders echo our collective past. Our task is not only to mark the dates but also to consider how best to honor their message.

Within the span of a week, we observed Holocaust memorial day, Israel's memorial day for its fallen soldiers and Independence Day. Indeed, the experience of modern Israel, its pain and joy, seems crammed into a 24-hour period which begins with a solemn observance for those who died defending the country and culminate with the free-spirited excitement of Independence Day celebrations.

We are also in the midst of a seven-week period during which, each night, we recite a blessing and count the Omer (an offering brought to the Temple during Passover, and thus the name of the period between Passover and Shavuot). It is a time of anticipation, when the Jewish people engage in a collective countdown in recalling their date with destiny. They were told that on Shavuot, at Mount Sinai, they were to receive God's gift, the Torah. We try to relive that excitement by counting down the days to Shavuot.

But the Omer is also a time of semi-mourning, for reasons that have become obscured over time. Marriages are prohibited during this period, as are haircuts and enjoying music. The one exception is Lag b'Omer (the 33rd day of the Omer). Legend has it that thousands of students of Rabbi Akiva died of a plague during the period between Passover and Shavuot, and that the 33rd day of the Omer was the only day there were no deaths.

According to the Talmud, the students died because they did not treat each other with respect.

What a powerful lesson for us today, at a time when the denominational wars among Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist Jews are increasing, and when critics and supporters of the Rabin government's peace efforts are at each other's throats.

One common characteristic of those engaged in the rhetoric wars is a sense of certainty about one's own position and a lack of respect for one's opponent. Some observant Jews have no tolerance for those who they insist are destroying the faith of their forefathers; some liberal Jews have contempt for those who they maintain are practising a form of primitive tribalism.

Here and in Israel, some critics of the Rabin government charge the prime minister and Shimon Peres, the foreign minister, with being traitors, destroying the Jewish State by giving away its sacred land and abandoning its values. Some supporters of the government say the critics are fanatics and racists who refuse to recognize the reality of an Arab population.

How are we to respond to this cacophony of cat-calling? Perhaps the same way Israel marks Yom Hazikaron, the memorial day for the soldiers and others who fell in Israel's wars. On that day each year, at a precise moment, a piercing siren wails its warning and then there is a moment of national silence.

It would do us as a community good to accommodate a bit more silence in our lives. Not the silence of emptiness, but that of reflection.

Too often, our communal and religious leaders feel the need to respond to every event and crisis of the day with a statement, a policy position, a media alert. Fax machines never rest, the phones are always busy. Some of the statements are eloquent, a few of the positions are thoughtful. But not enough to warrant all the time, energy and expense.

Rabbis and their religious movements seem to have more to say about political issues than spiritual ones. We know where they stand on social service bills, but what advice do they have for us on matters of faith in a world gone mad with violence and terrorism?

We know organizations' positions on Israel's foreign policy where their input is marginal, but hear little on how to deal with Israel's religious, moral and ethical conflicts — areas where their advice could prove constructive.

Closer to home, our Jewish leaders and representatives have far more to say about matters of political legislation than personal loneliness, more about communal resources than covenantal responsibilities, more about funding then feelings.

In a society geared toward the quick fix, we need to pause and take time to address the deeper questions, even if — or precisely because — they do not lend themselves to glib answers.

The Talmud says that if a word is worth one shekel, silence is worth two. There is a time to speak out, of course, but we need to make time to listen to each other, and think before reacting, or we will not have learned the tragic lesson of Rabbi Akiva's students.

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Opinions

Celebrating VE-Day in D.C.

I thought I knew all about the war I had helped to fight 50 years ago. Still, when the invitation came to participate in the anniversary celebrations in Washington on May 8, I accepted with an alacrity which surprised me. This was evidently something I very much wanted to be part of.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

The morning ceremonies are fresh in my mind and heart. In Toronto, on the way back from the airport, I heard about the Canadian and British observances, and the replays of the joy, relief and gratitude which victory had evoked in 1945: the dancing in the streets, the ticker tapes painting the sky white with fluttering streams of happiness.

The morning was far more sober. We started at the U.S. Holocaust Museum, sitting (shivering, I might add) in Eisenhower Plaza where 900 invited guests were assembled. It was my privilege to lead off with reflections and prayer. (I think I was invited to Washington because I was a refugee from the Nazis who was also fated to be among the liberators.) I repeated the words of Torah, "I have set before you life and death. Therefore choose life, so that you and your offspring may live" — words inscribed on the walls of the plaza.

Since those days long ago, I have become somewhat inured to stories of terror and death; but what I heard today seemed different. Survivors, a general and a nurse were among the speakers. Each had a different and often deeply stirring tale to tell. Famed author Samuel Pisar gave the keynote address. He told a transfixed audience how he, an emaciated boy of 15, with years at Auschwitz and other camps behind him, had fled from Dachau during the last days of the war. He encountered an army tank which he thought was German and was sure that death was a certainty. But then he saw it: the white star painted on the side of the metal monster, speaking of freedom.

A black soldier peered out and did not know what to make of the crouching, emaciated boy. Was he one of the youngsters the Nazis had drafted into the army, who might wait for the chance of delivering a mortal blow to the enemy? Carefully the American approached Sam who, knowing no English, fell down and kissed his feet, speaking the only words he knew: "God bless America!" The soldier picked him up, cradled him in his arms and made him ride the tank with him. Pisar managed to tell it in a way that held one breathless — and I was not surprised that later, President Bill Clinton repeated the story in his speech.

I am not a worshipper of flags, and while a presentation of colors elicits my respect, my emotions remain untouched. Not so today. When the U.S. Armed Forces' special unit presented the flags of the divisions which had participated in liberating the camps I sat there, strangely spellbound, waiting for the banner of my 104th Infantry. Then it came: the green-and-white Timberwolves insignia waving in the wind. Suddenly, my heart jumped into my throat. I was transported back to VE-Day 1945, when I had last seen the flag. Tears of gratitude had come to my eyes then, and they did so again. War is so complex, and so is memory.

I found William Perry, the U.S. secretary of defence, a most impressive man — simple, yet forceful. What I remember especially of his speech were his opening and his final words. He started with a quotation from W. H. Auden and ended with a line from Aeschylus. Somehow, I had not expected poetry from the secretary, and I was taken by the spirit he evoked. It was that kind of mood.

I briefly met Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, a child of a Georgian (south Russian) family. The end of the war found the 9-year-old boy in Germany. Today, he is the chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest ranking officer in the United States.

When I checked in at Dulles Airport for my flight home, the man behind the counter saw my VE-Day button. He asked me, "Were you there, back then?" I nodded agreement. "God bless you," he said quite simply and pressed my hand.

The Jewish TV universe

Remember the good old days, when all that Canadians could receive on their television sets were the CBC and a few fuzzy images from Seattle/Buffalo/Vermont.

By Allan Gould

And now — who would have guessed it? — there's a channel dedicated totally to women; another to science; several others to arts, or sports, or recent movies, or lousy movies of the '60s and '70s, which you were wise enough to miss when they first hit the movie houses, but for some reason are supposed to be thrilled to view today.

Every other day, our newspapers talk ecstatically about "The 500 Channel Universe!" — as if this is something to be hopeful about. Well, if we really are moving rapidly toward this overwhelming number of choices for our rapidly-decreasing free time, how about a Jewish 500-channel universe?

The Shacharit Channel. Runs mornings only.

The Mincha/Ma'ariv Channel. Two new channels, originally begun separately, but soon merged. Rabbis will argue for years over whether viewers at home may be considered as part of the minyan.

The Birkat Hamazon Channel. It is recommended that viewers simply flip it on, after each meal or whenever they partake of bread. Companies which produce food eagerly buy commercials on this one.

The Mezuzah Channel. A TV channel entirely dedicated to the mezuzah: How to put it up; which prayers to say; how high or low on the doorway; how to check it for flaws, and so on. Kiss this one goodbye.

Channel surfing par excellence

The Unleavened Channel: This one will be available only for the month leading up to Passover each year. How to dispose of leaven; kashering utensils; quizzes on forbidden foods; who to invite — and not to invite — to your seder.

The Yom Kippur Channel. Will be nicknamed "The non-cooking channel" or The Fasting Channel." A bit of a downer, but still hopeful. Loved Kol Nidre, though.

The Shofar Channel. How to make a shofar; how to blow a shofar; how to hire a chauffeur, and more.

The Divorce Channel provides all that you need to know about a Jewish Get, but couldn't afford to ask. Viewers are urged to watch this one for several months before tuning in to …

The Marriage Channel. Mazel Tov!

The Tzedakah Channel. It had to happen: 24 hours a day of fundraising. I, personally, gave at the TV.

The Kabbalah Channel keeps changing its number on the cable, as it finds new and different meanings of each number.

And, need I mention The Kvetch Channel. Oy, what a channel! Feh!

Politics threatens peace process

Dr. Henry Kissinger once said that Israel had no foreign policy, only internal politics. He was not exaggerating, though Israel is not much different from other democracies, where governments hesitate to act resolutely and in the long-term national interest, if the latter appears to clash with public expectations.

By Yeshayahu Nir

There were times when this country's politics were guided by David Ben Gurion's known principle that "one does not ask the people what it wants, one does what the people needs." Menachem Begin acted so when the peace treaty with Egypt required the evacuation of all Israeli settlements in northern Sinai, a sacrifice for which the country was unprepared. When Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signed the agreement with the PLO, he too indicated similar intentions, but later his resolve started to falter.

The implementation of the agreement with the Palestinians is now so far behind schedule that its future is uncertain. But those who insist that Islamic terror is the single cause of the present impasse are unwittingly conceding that Hamas and the Islamic Jihad have won the battle against peace, which is not true.

In fact, the PLO and Israel bear a greater responsibility for the near deadlock. Although both sides repeatedly proclaim their unwavering determination to continue the peace process, they tend to do so only half-heartedly and want their constituencies to register their reticence.

First, the PLO hesitated to fight the Islamic extremists for fear of unleashing a Palestinian civil war. Israel responded by closing down the Gaza Strip, inflicting unbearable collective punishment on all its inhabitants. Then, when Chairman Yasser Arafat learned the lesson and started a more effective campaign against the Islamic extremists and probably foiled more than one planned terrorist attack, Israel did not respond by relaxing the siege. While the appearance of Rabin's toughness may have temporarily helped him stabilize his internal position, Arafat's clout within his own constituency has been severely compromised.

The gradual phasing out of tens of thousands of Gaza workers from the Israeli economy may have somewhat limited the ability of would-be terrorists to infiltrate the Green Line, though certainly not eliminated the threat, but the massive unemployment created in the autonomy by these measures is deepening the existent misery and frustration and could well cause a dangerous popular explosion that could mark the end of Arafat's rule there, with incalculable repercussions on Israel's military control of the Jewish settlements in the area and beyond.

As the ailing peace process with the PLO was limping from one obstacle to another and representatives of both sides continued to meet and even to make some modest progress, Israel decided to expropriate more land in eastern Jerusalem for new housing projects. Though Israel's firm stand on Jerusalem is well known and enjoys the widest consensus in Israeli public opinion, the announcement at this particular time revealed an astonishing lack of sensibility and provided the Arab world, including the most moderate countries such as Jordan and Morocco, with the predictable and irresistible urge to unite against the plan and to demand that it should be rescinded. The delicate issue of the future of Jerusalem, which according to the original Israel-PLO agreement is to be discussed only a year from now, would have been better left alone, for many reasons.

Nor is it clear if the Israeli position on the future status of its capital was seriously enhanced by the recent motion of the U.S. Senate — sponsored by 97 out of 100 senators — to move the American Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem in 1999. Appreciated as it must be by Israelis — as was a similar undertaking by former prime minister Joe Clark of Canada in 1979 — it had here and there the imprint of internal politics. Hopefully the American resolution will experience a different fate than its Ottawa precedent.

All these developments prove how vulnerable the peace process is to excessive limelight and populist politics, and how dependent it is on confidential and unreported contacts. If Rabin and Arafat continue to be captives of their own rhetoric directed at public consumption, they will accomplish little for their two peoples, whose destiny is to live side by side whether they like it or not. If Israeli internal politics, intensified by the first salvos of the electoral campaign, induces Rabin to choose hawkish tunes and actions to help his re-election in 1996, he could well be surprised by the voters.

For if the voters do opt for an intransigent leadership, they will most likely turn to Likud, the original, and not to Labor as a duplicate. Even the Arab side could reach the same conclusion. One of PLO's most eloquent spokesmen, Nabil Sha'at, said recently: "Maybe we Palestinians should prefer a Likud government in Israel which can deliver, with Labor in opposition supporting." He too was fueling the internal debate here, which has so far scored some points, but not meaningful results.

Features

Apostle of the radical right

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The recent terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City has focused renewed attention on the radical right-wing fringe in the United States. In this article, Sheldon Kirshner looks at one of its chief proponents.

Several years ago, David Duke astonished observers by winning a seat in Louisiana's legislature, thus becoming the first former grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan to be elected to public office in the United States.

Duke's victory prompts two questions. Is he on the cutting edge of a radical change in American politics? Or is he merely an insipid, insignificant blip on the screen?

Duke's ascendancy from obscure racist to national celebrity has sowed fear and uncertainty in many quarters. For if Duke is indeed representative of a new wave of racist politicians on the American scene, Jews, blacks and other minorities should be worried.

Duke, after all, may run for the U.S. Senate. He may even have his sights set on the White House. It's extremely unlikely that someone of his ilk will actually become president. But who in the 1920s or early 1930s could ever have imagined that Germany — an advanced, civilized nation — would be governed by a failed artist named Adolf Hitler? The analogy is limited, of course, but complacency is not what is needed in the wake of Duke's success at the polls.

Although Duke has become something of a phenomenon, given the reams of free publicity he has generated, the man behind the headlines remains relatively elusive and unknown.

So who is the real David Duke?

The answer, or a good part of it, is found in Michael Zatarain's interesting biography, *David Duke, Evolution of a Klansman* (Pelican Publishing, $21.95 US).

A New Orleans consultant, Zatarain is clearly fascinated and repelled by his subject. He credits Duke with being "smooth, well dressed, totally dedicated and obviously intelligent." Yet he abhors his racism and ultimately pities him because he is squandering his talents in the service of bizarre and detestable policies.

Duke was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on July 1, 1950, the son of a U.S. army officer who raised him in a strict, conservative, Christian home, and who instilled in him a love of reading.

Originally sympathetic to the plight of blacks, and outspoken in favor of the civil rights movement, Duke switched course after attending a meeting of the White Citizens' Council, a racist organization formed in the mid-1950s to fight integration.

Duke read its literature and, though not converted, "began an intellectual odyssey into the other side of the race issue," as he put it. Interestingly enough, Barry Goldwater, the 1964 Republican candidate for the U.S. presidency, was Duke's first "political hero."

By 1967, Duke had become an unmitigated racist. He joined the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan around the time he enrolled at Louisiana State University.

On campus, he delved into the Jewish question, which intrigued him. He convinced himself that Jews were soft on communism, that they controlled the media and that their support of integration was nothing more than a ploy to "settle an old score with the gentiles."

Zatarain writes that Duke's anti-Semitism hardened after he came under the influence of a maverick Catholic priest associated with the White Citizens' Council. This malevolent person, Lawrence Toups, argued that Jews were subverting Christianity and the Western world.

But even as he drank from Toups' poisoned cup, Duke, in deference to his father and his Jewish relatives, temporarily kept his anti-Semitic opinions in check.

As Zatarain tells it, Duke's most extreme period was between 1969 and 1970, when he spouted Nazi ideology and was partial to the National Socialist Liberation Front (NSLF). During a visit of left-wing lawyer and anti-Vietnam war activist William Kunstler to Tulane University, Duke dressed up in a classic Nazi uniform and carried a sign that read "Kunstler is a communist Jew."

The following day, Duke's picture appeared in a New Orleans newspaper, a photograph that indelibly stamped him as a racist par excellence. Duke insisted he was a "racialist," someone who took pride in his white heritage. But the die was cast.

Duke's father, an anti-Nazi, rebuked his son. As a result, Duke publicly distanced himself from the NSLF. Nevertheless, he continued to support groups such as the Nazis, the Klan and the John Birch Society. In addition, he joined the White Student Alliance, which had close links with extremists.

In 1975, he plunged into electoral politics, contesting a legislative seat in Baton Rouge, the state capital. He never mentioned the Klan in any of his campaign literature, but made no attempt to conceal his racist views. Duke was soundly thrashed, but he picked up a third of the vote.

Four years later, Duke took aim at the state senate, but without success. Shortly afterward, he left the Klan to found his own organization, the National Association for the Advancement of White People, formed along the lines of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Duke believes that Caucasians are the real minority on earth and that they need someone to protect their interests and heritage.

By that point, Duke was an unreconstructed Holocaust denier, Zatarain suggests.

Duke acknowledges that atrocities were committed against Jews during World War II. But he claims that the Holocaust is a weapon in the Zionist movement's armory. As he noted in a newspaper piece:

"The Holocaust is the rock upon which Israel rests. Chronic Holocaust propaganda was the main justification used in the expropriation of Palestinian land to make way for the Jewish state. It has also been the crowbar used to pry billions in reparations from Germany and billions in aid from the United States. Finally, it is the spectre used to silence any serious criticism of Israel."

Duke adds that the discovery of "emaciated, diseased bodies" by Allied soldiers in German concentration camps after the war do not prove the existence of a deliberate extermination policy by the Nazis.

Needless to say, Duke's revisionist ideology endeared him to racists around the country, and thus it was not surprising that he was the standardbearer of the far-right Populist party in the 1988 presidential election.

Campaigning on an "American first policy," Duke said he would revamp the welfare system, end all forced busing to achieve racial balance in schools, drastically limit immigration and reassess U.S. policy in the Middle East. When the ballots were counted, he had received 150,000 votes.

Since his stunning 1989 victory in Louisiana's state election, Duke has become a national figure. True, he has soft-pedalled his noxious views. But, as Zatarain judiciously reminds us, he clings to the principles he has always held.

David Duke, in other words, should be watched and monitored with the utmost vigilance.

David Duke celebrates his 1989 victory in Louisiana's state election.

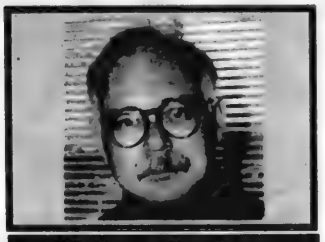
While still a student, Duke published a newsletter called *The Racialist*, which was distributed at Louisiana State University and local high schools. He railed against the usual targets — claiming, for example, that much of modern art was "anarchistic garbage created by Negroid and Jewish degeneracy," and that Jews were perverting the media.

Zatarain discloses that Duke visited Israel in the early 1970s, hoping that his trip would crystallize his inchoate but viscerally antagonistic view of Zionism. He spent two weeks in Israel, taking a room near Jaffa and touring the country from this base.

Duke's exposure to Israeli society convinced him that Israel was persecuting the Palestinians and that it was getting preferential treatment from the United States.

Returning to his university studies, Duke immersed himself in Klan activities. In 1973, he was elected grand dragon of the Louisiana chapter of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, as well as national information officer. He also edited *The Crusader* — formerly known as *The Klansman* — and ran a book store in a New Orleans suburb specializing in racist propaganda.

Meanwhile, Duke developed into a polished debater, speaking at rallies, debating opponents and appearing on TV talk shows.



Mideast Analysis

By Sheldon Kirshner

The Iraqi spectre

Four years have elapsed since the end of the Gulf War, and although defeat humbled Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein, Iraq is far from repentent.

Iraq's oil-based economy has been devastated by United Nations sanctions and its population buffeted by severe rationing, rampant inflation, and, in extreme cases, malnutrition and infectious diseases.

Iraq, too, has lost control of its territory. The United States, Britain and France have carved up the north and the south into no-fly zones forbidden to Iraqi aircraft and created a special enclave for Iraqi Kurds, who were persecuted by the government before, during and immediately after the cessation of hostilities in the spring of 1991.

Despite the relentless international pressure, Iraq is still not in full compliance with the terms of the resolutions adopted by the Security Council.

Last month, the UN embargo was re-extended after the United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM) charged Iraq with failure to account for a biological warfare program. What is more, Iraq refuses to renounce terrorism and to pay Kuwait — which it invaded in 1990 — reparations. Iraq recently rejected a UN proposal to set aside restitution funds from the sale of UN-sanctioned oil sales.

On the other hand, Iraq has belatedly recognized Kuwait's sovereignty and agreed to a rigorous surveillence plan under which its military potential will be vastly curtailed.

Nevertheless, analysts continue to regard Iraq as a wild card. Last October, in a sudden crisis caused by its desire to focus world attention on the sanctions, Iraq massed upwards of 75,000 troops near Kuwait's border, prompting the United States to dispatch an armed armada to the region. Saddam Hussein backed off, and the Security Council condemned Iraq once more.

Violating the spirit, if not the letter, of UN resolutions, Iraq also shows no signs of stopping its campaign of displacement against the Marsh Arabs, or of easing its blockade of the Kurdish safe haven. As well, in the past year, Iraq has been involved in illegal oil transactions to the tune of $700 million (a paltry sum compared to the past.)

More insidiously, according to U.S. satellite photographs, Iraq has been rebuilding its chemical factories, which could easily produce chemical warfare agents.

If the sanctions are eventually lifted and Iraqi oil is available again on the free market, Iraq will doubtless try to rebuild its once formidable armed forces. Indeed, the Clinton administration has warned that Iraq can regain the ability to develop weapons of mass destruction.

The spectre of a rearmed and swaggering Iraq is a source of serious concern — not only to the United States, but to Israel, which was hit by 39 Iraqi Scuds during the Gulf War. Washington has beefed up its forces in the area, while Israel has begun developing an anti-missile defence system. But as long as Saddam Hussein remains in power, Iraq will be a menace to its neighbors.

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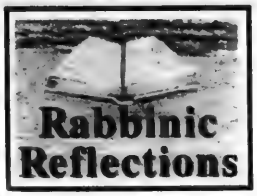

By RABBI
CHARLES FREUNDLICH

What can we learn from the holiday of Lag b'Omer which takes place on the 18th of Iyar, May 18?

The holiday is steeped in rich tradition yet has little formal ritual. Tradition traces the origins of Lag b'Omer to a turbulent time in Jewish history, filled with national hope, rebellion and Messianism. The central figure of Jewish life was Rabbi Akibah who supported the Messianic rebellion of the Jews led by Bar Kochbah against Roman rule, in the second century of the common era.

The rebellion was cruelly crushed and there was widespread oppression of Judaism. But the zealous religious fervor of Rabbi Akibah and his most famous disciple, Rabbi Simeon ben Yohai ignited an even greater devotion to Torah and religious faith.

Tradition records a terrible plague that devastated the students of Rabbi Akibah during the sefirah (counting) of the days between Pesach and Shavuot. On the 33rd day, Lag (33) b'Omer the plague stopped, calling forth a time for joy.

Years later, a formal season of mourning, including the prohibition of marriage and other joyous events, was instituted during this time. Later codifiers differed about the way the 33 days of mourning were to be counted. Lag b'Omer itself became a time of student celebration, with athletic contests and bows and arrows. While some of the daily prayers of the liturgy were omitted, there is no Hallel or other psalms of praise.

This day is often called a "semi-holiday" but there is a timeless and powerful message to be learned from the example of Rabbi Akibah who embodied the essence of Kiddush HaShem, genuine martyrdom.

The Talmud describes the last moments of Rabbi Akibah condemned to a cruel death by the Romans for the crime of rebellion. Rabbi Akibah refused to be humbled by the fear of death. Instead, he saw another opportunity to serve God, by fulfilling the command to serve God with "all your heart, soul and strength." To confront death with such courage of conviction has remained an ideal to guide future generations.

A faith worth dying for is the only faith worth living for.

Rabbi Charles Freundlich is the spiritual leader of Beth Torah Congregation.

Dan family supports Jerusalem Outreach Fund

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Leslie and Judith Dan and their family have committed $6 million to the Aish HaTorah Jerusalem Outreach Fund, in addition to the $7 million already donated for the new Aish HaTorah headquarters opposite the Western Wall.

The new pledge by the chair and CEO of Novopharm and his family was disclosed in an emotional interview with the Toronto executive by Larry King in an international closed circuit broadcast from Los Angeles, with live feeds from Jerusalem, Moscow, New York and Toronto.

"The building in Jerusalem is only bricks. We need people to carry out the Discovery Outreach Program," Dan said, explaining his additional support.

"Why are you, a Reform Jew, supporting Aish HaTorah which is mainly Orthodox?" asked King.

"The majority may be Orthodox, but we are all Jews," Dan replied. "In Budapest I saw that the Germans were rounding up all Jews, not asking if they were Orthodox. We must unite and march together."

The Toronto segment was part of a powerful 90-minute program broadcast to 250 homes in North America.

The broadcast raised $1.4 million for outreach and included a pledge by Hollywood mogul Sumner Redstone, chair of Viacom, to raise $50 million in three years.

As King noted, Aish HaTorah faces competition for the minds and hearts of Soviet Jews from Messianic Hebrew Christians, a group he said operates out of Buffalo, N.Y. Dozens of Jews came forward in a Russian auditorium pledging, "Jesus is my Messiah," in a segment filmed in Russia and loaned to the broadcast by Jews for Judaism.

Jews will continue to emigrate to Israel from the C.I.S. at the rate of 60,000 to 70,000 a year, for a total of 400,00 to 500,000, to join the 600,000 already there, said Joel D. Tauber, president of the United Jewish Appeal in the United States.

Asked by King about problems facing Soviet immigrants in Israel, Tauber said, "They are lessening. There will be some problems with four or five per cent; they make a lot of noise. But 95 per cent are adjusting well."

Anti-Semitism does not motivate Jews to leave the C.I.S. for Israel, said Rabbi Sholom Schwartz of Aish HaTorah from Moscow.

"Positive values about Judaism are needed. We can only relight the spark and when that's lit, there is the possibility of coming home."

He described how Aish HaTorah is recruiting young Jews in the C.I.S., training them, sending them to six-week crash courses in Israel and then returning them to their own communities.

King's daughter, Chaia, will be among the 1,500 students to join 1,500 Russian pen pals in Jerusalem to celebrate the city's 3,000 birthday next year. The Aish HaTorah branch in Minsk will have a plaque honoring Larry King's parents and grandparents. His father came from Minsk and his mother from Pinsk.

One of the chilling scenes from Russia included an Australian filmed interview with Russian nationalist Vladimir Shirinovsky, who said it would be better for the world if all of its Jewish people lived in Israel. Other Russians were quoted as favoring the extermination of Jews.

"Russian Jews desperately need our help," said Redstone, co-chair with King of the Let My People Know campaign. "We must help them to leave before it is too late."

Among locations receiving the broadcast were Four Seasons Hotel, Beth Tzedec Synagogue and Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Rabbi Michael Skoback hosted the broadcast for students of the University of Toronto and York University.

WISDOM OF THE AGES

Man drives, but G-d holds the reins

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Jewish Life

Use of Yiddish down but definitely not out

By DR. LEO DAVIDS

Although Yiddish was the almost-universal common tongue of Canadian Jews before World War II, we've all noticed that it is not heard very often in recent years. Some believe that it has "given up the ghost" in this country, while others argue that it is still holding on. What is the picture today? Can we get the facts, somewhere?

GUEST VOICES

Actually, the census of Canada provides wonderful information about languages. The census asks about mother tongue (your first language) and about your usual language currently spoken at home; there are also other language questions, but let's not get too complicated here. The answers to these questions give us a picture of what is now going on, if we believe what people tell the census!

In 1931, 96 per cent of all Jews in Canada reported that Yiddish was their mother tongue. But with every passing decade, the percentage has been going down (see the Historical Table below).

By 1971, just under 50,000 people reported Yiddish as their mother tongue, but this was less than one-fifth of all Canadian Jews that year. However, in 1971 the majority of Jews with Yiddish as a mother tongue still spoke mammeloshen at home; 53 per cent of the 50,000 mother tongue people also reported Yiddish to be their usual language at home. So it was still being used by over 26,000 people at home, making it their children's mother tongue! Of course, this home-language usage group was only a small minority (under 10 per cent) of all Canadian Jews in 1971.

What about now? The latest census was held in 1991, so we'll look at those numbers. The Yiddish mother tongue group in 1991 was a little over 21,000 people, not quite seven per cent of all Canadian Jews! There is a small additional group (of about 5,000 people in total) who reported multiple mother tongues — Yiddish plus another language.

Another language question

The number reporting that they usually talk Yiddish at home was 6,600 (about two per cent of the country's 1991 Jews), the majority living in the greater Montreal area. Although Toronto has a much larger Jewish population than Montreal, the number of Yiddish-speakers in Toronto is not even half of Montreal's!

But, there was another language question in 1991. When asked about all languages in which they could carry on a conversation, over 53,000 Canadians reported that they could talk Yiddish!

In each area/city, this total is much higher than the number who were raised with Yiddish as small children. So the picture is a lot more complicated than we thought; different census questions and definitions give us different answers!

In fact, the numbers suggest that a lot of Yiddish is transmitted not by the family, but through school and community contact. Otherwise, how could those now able to talk Yiddish be so much more numerous than those who first grew up with it at home? (Should we, perhaps, be suspicious of the claim — how real *is* that "able to converse" skill?)

The "bottom line" is still a long-term picture of language shrinkage. The well-known phrase "Use it or lose it" certainly applies here. Who's left today?

In Montreal, there are over 4,000 people who normally speak Yiddish at home. Unlike in the rest of the country, Montreal's home speakers are not predominantly old people; fully three out of five are under 60 years of age. It seems pretty obvious that these younger speakers are Chassidim. They keep Yiddish alive for their children, at home; no one else does. (In Toronto, only one out of eight Yiddish speakers is under 60!)

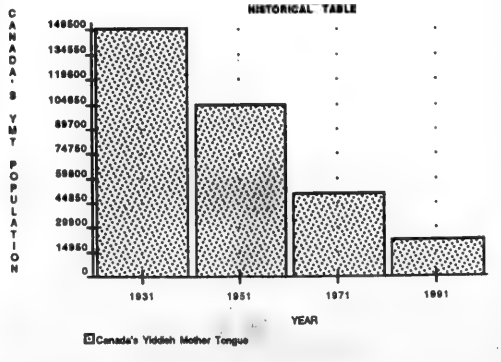
What a paradox! Today, in great contrast to previous generations, the real Yiddishisten are Chassidim, and the Canadian survival of the spoken language rests with them. In former times, the supporters of Yiddish education were usually very secular. They're gone, now. But the kids with the curled peyot (ear-locks) are still here, still talking the mammeloshen. Plus some French, occasionally.

Dr. Leo Davids is a professor of sociology at York University.

HISTORICAL TABLE

	1931	1951	1971	1991
Canada's Yiddish Mother Tongue Population	149,500	103,600	49,900	21,400 (or 26,300*)
YMT Population as a Per cent of all Canadian Jews	96%	51%	18%	7% or 8%

*Includes those reporting YMT along with another mother tongue.



Now that the baseball season has resumed, we thought it appropriate to share Shel Krakofsky's observations on the game as a reflection of Jewish existence.

A Runner At First

By SHEL KRAKOFSKY
Special to The CJN

Not created to hit
home runs,
the Jew is always a runner at
First.
He waits for signs and signals;
inching off the bag,
playing his own game with the
Pitcher.

Wanting to be ignored,
hoping to be seen
he frets over his leadoff
afraid of being picked off,
erased, with a flick of the
Wrist.

Having learned to hold
little faith in the batter,
he takes his own chances
to advance,
wondering eternally,
how to arrive safely
at the place called
Home.

Shel Krakofsky practices medicine in London, Ont., and is the editor of Parchment. *This poem is from his award-winning collection,* The Reversible Coat.

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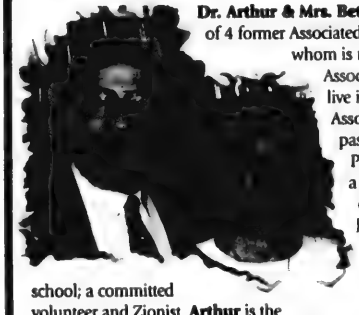

Dr. Arthur & Mrs. Betty Kruger, parents of 4 former Associated students, one of whom is now a teacher at Associated, 2 of whom live in Israel. **Betty** is an Associated graduate, past president of the Parents' Association, a past Board member; daughter of Dr. Levi Jacober (z"l), the first principal of Associated's day school; a committed volunteer and Zionist. **Arthur** is the former Director of O.I.S.E. and Dean of Arts & Science at U. of T.; Professor for over 30 years; an Officer and member of the Board of Associated; CHAT board member; board member of CJC and Federation; actively involved with Hebrew University; committed Zionist.

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Students of the bar and bat mitzvah programs of the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue are seen at the Holocaust Memorial. From left Mellisa Shapira, David Herbert and Esther Connors. [Cynthia Gasner photo]

Torch of remembrance passes on to students

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Thirty-four young people pledged to remember the past and to carry the torch for the future as they stood at the Holocaust Memorial monument at Earl Bales Park.

The bar and bat mitzvah students of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue held lighted torches and expressed their feelings about the tragic events of 50 years ago.

"By lighting these torches, we hand over to you the Flame of Remembrance for you to carry from generation to generation," said Goldie Raab, a member of the Yad Vashem organization. She is the wife of sculptor Ernest Raab, who created the Holocaust Memorial.

"When there will be no survivors left to witness the horrors of the Holocaust, it will be up to you to face the deniers, those forces who wish to eradicate this shameful episode from history, thereby covering their own guilt, and that of their followers," she said.

Rabbi Elliot Diamond, who conducted the service, told the students that they now had the responsibility "to try to remember."

Responding in English, Hebrew and Yiddish, the students recited original and traditional poems and stories.

Ernest Raab blew the shofar and the students placed flowers on the memorial and received a commemoration certificate from Dr. Joel Dimitry, national chair of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem.

The special service was coordinated by the leaders of the bar and bat mitzvah programs, Brenda Lass, Beverly Young, Rochelle Diamond, Mindy Goodman and Barbara Ouanounou.

Earlier in the day, the students paid a visit to the Holocaust Museum at the Lipa Green Building.

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LOOK MA, IT'S ISRAEL'S BIRTHDAY
Daniel Adoot, 3½, was rapt at the Toronto community's Yom Ha'atzmaut festivities, held this month in Mel Lastman Square. Thousands turned out for a day of fun, food and music. [Ron Csillag Photo]

Yom Hazikaron

Israeli soldiers' sacrifices saluted at BAYT service

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — They were childhood friends, and served in Lebanon together. They were 21 when they fell in battle.

The repetition of the tragically young ages of Israeli soldiers "when they fell in battle," read against a backdrop of their pictures under an Israeli flag, was the poignant centrepiece of last week's Yom Hazikaron service held at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation (BAYT) in Thornhill.

Sponsored by Mizrachi of Canada, Emunah Women of Toronto and Bnei Akiva of Toronto, the evening was attended by over 1,500 people of all ages.

As it is in Israel, Yom Hazikaron, a day to honor the memory of Israel's fallen soldiers, is immediately followed by the celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day.

According to the calendar, the two days would ordinarily fall on May 4 and 5, Thursday and Friday, but this year they were marked on May 3 and 4 to avoid overlapping with Shabbat.

The hall was decorated with blue and white balloons and streamers, and many of the excited children waved little Israeli flags.

Dror Zeigerman, consul-general of Israel, said that those killed from the early settlements at the turn of the century, through all the wars, to those murdered by terrorists, "were among our best. We pray the memory of the fallen will give us the courage to continue fighting.

"Through their death, they have bequeathed us life."

Never again, he pleaded, "should our children go to war. Never again will our enemies come against us. Never again will we have to bury our youth."

An emotional Rabbi Baruch Taub, spiritual leader of BAYT, said the attachment to Israel "is not merely nationalistic — it is the core of Torah.

"It is our sacred duty to recall the young Jews who gave their lives in defence of the people, the land and the state. Their lives and deaths were a statement of Torah."

As the flag was lowered, a moment of silence was followed by K'El Maleh Rachamim, sung by Chazzan Shlomo Sufrin of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, and Kaddish, recited by Harvey Poch.

An innovation at this year's program was a play, written by Samuel Kapustan, and performed by Ulpanat Orot and Or Chaim students.

Fine performances, particularly by stars Ahavya Warzecha and Naomi Emerson as religious and secular mothers praying at the graves of their soldier sons, and Rina Fink as a recent immigrant, focused on some of the problems of Israeli society — religious-secular relations, economic strife and nepotism in government hiring.

The play concluded with a recognition that, for all the differences, the goals are the same — to build a lasting Israel.

As always, the highlight of the Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration, is the Daglanut, an intricate series of manoeuvres performed with Israeli flags by Ulpanat Orot students.

The young women, although somewhat restricted in their movements by the small stage, performed with infectious enthusiasm, and the audience responded with applause, whoops of encouragement and cheers.

A choir of Or Chaim students, accompanied with great panache by Tamar Emerson, had many in the audience humming along.

Greetings were brought from Mizrachi by Jerry Rosenfield, and on behalf of the government of Canada by Treasury Board chair Arthur Eggleton.

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Oklahoma bombing a sign of growing hatred: Farber

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — In his 1978 novel *The Turner Diaries*, American white supremacist William Pearce (using the pen name Andrew MacDonald) describes how right-wing terrorists destroy a federal building in Washington D.C. using an ammonium nitrate fertilizer bomb.

Canadian Jewish Congress community relations director Bernie Farber read that passage aloud at a recent Yom Hashoah program at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre.

"It's chilling, because of the resemblance to the bomb blast in Oklahoma City," Farber said, referring to the April 19 bombing that killed more than 170.

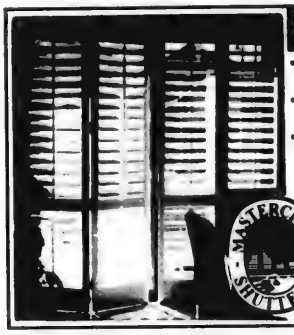
"We're dealing with the Nazi mindset, the same Nazi mindset that murdered Jewish babies by throwing them into limepits," he said. "Nazism, my friends, is timeless."

For much of the past decade, Farber has been monitoring the activities of hate groups across Canada. He feels the Oklahoma City bombing is yet another sign that "danger is out there," he said.

Metro Toronto police statistics show reported hate crimes have risen by 61 per cent, with two-thirds of perpetrators under 25. "Today's hate groups are trying to attract young people," Farber said. "And the new face of anti-Semitism has unfortunately become attractive to some young people."

Using the computer Internet and rock music to spread their racist ideology, '90s hate peddlers are making inroads into the youth subculture. Audience members at a hate rock concert by RaHoWa (Racial Holy War) last year swarmed a young Tamil restaurant worker and paralyzed him with a kick in the head.

"We must be prepared to warn people that the slippery slope of racism slides right into Auschwitz and slides right into the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City," he said.



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Christian service recalls Holocaust

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Survivors, members of the Allied forces, individuals who sheltered Jews during the war along with Jewish and Christian young people lit memorial candles for the six million who perished in the Holocaust at a recent Christian service.

Tapers lit from the memorial candles were held by Christians and Jews assembled at Bloor Street United Church for the 15th annual service.

Sponsored by the Christian-Jewish dialogue of Toronto, this year's service emphasized the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps and Europe by the Allies. Rabbi Lawrence Pinsker said Kaddish.

In her sermon, Mary Jo Leddy, professor of theology at Regis College, said that Nazi Germany's totalitarianism, a "structure in which the various layers served to buffer one another against the shock of reality," was partially responsible for the Holocaust.

"The structure worked because millions of people, good people, normal people, did a good job. Someone signed the forms, another filled them, another drew up a list, another worked in a factory, another had to lay down the railway lines. Cumulatively they contributed to evil of great consequence and most never had to face the victims, never had to hear their screams," she said, adding that everyone was implicated yet no one wanted responsibility.

Although there were some Christians who reached out to Jews in mercy, she said the majority of Christians in Nazi-dominated Europe supported the Holocaust either "through what they did or through what they did not do and did not say."

At the Nuremberg trials very few of the Nazis felt responsible for what had happened, Leddy said, and with time many Germans were to feel a generalized sense of guilt but few claimed responsibility.

She noted that today some people are critical of recent proceedings against Nazi war criminals living in Canada, urging compassion for people who are old and sick, she maintained that "we need to reclaim the thread of human responsibility, which holds together the moral fabric of our society. Those who feel sorry for old war criminals are perhaps unintentionally saying that human life and human actions have no consequence."

Leddy warned that we will grant Hitler a posthumous victory if we believe we are powerless to respond to the genocides of our time, in Rwanda, Bosnia and East Timor.

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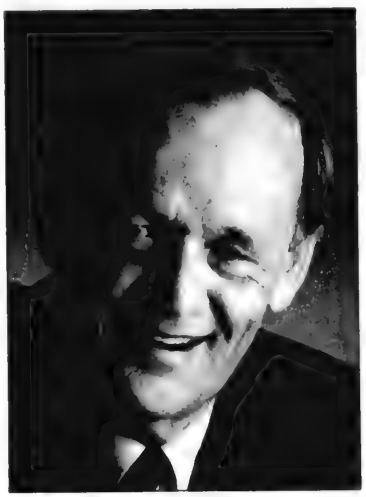

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Buchenwald survivors gather to commemorate liberation

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Hugging and kissing, eyes overflowing with tears of joy and sadness, some 500 men and women gathered last month in Tel Aviv to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their liberation from Buchenwald.

They were the Children of Buchenwald, the few who marched out of the gates of Buchenwald concentration camp after being liberated by the Americans.

Jerry Kapelus of Toronto, Eddy Baller of Montreal, and Robbie Wiseman of Vancouver were reunited with those who, as orphans, had become their family members half a century ago.

Kapelus was 10 when the war broke out. He, his sister, brother and parents were put into the Lodz Ghetto where he was sent to work in a leather factory. When the ghetto was liquidated in 1944, the 35,000 surviving Jews were sent to Auschwitz.

At the selection point, he was separated from his family, never to see them again. He told *The CJN* that although they could see the smoking chimneys, the Germans were so convincing in their lies that the survivors did not believe the rumors about what happened to their fellow Jews.

In January 1945, Kapelus was sent to Buchenwald. On April 11, 1945, he woke to find they had been liberated.

Kapelus and 450 others went to orphanages in France. Among those at his orphanage were Elie Weisel and the present Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Israel Meir Lau, who spoke at the convention.

The Tel Aviv reunion brought together 200 survivors from the Diaspora with 300 who live in Israel.

Kapelus, who went to the reunion with his wife Merna, said he shared stories and memories with those who were in Auschwitz and those who had been sent to France. "There was a lot of talking," he said, a recent phenomenon.

Kapelus, who has three children and four grandchildren, says "to this day, I still don't understand it — it is a nightmare." Despite the pain of remembering, Kapelus goes to schools and speaks to the students about the Holocaust.

At the Children of Buchenwald gathering, Israeli and other community leaders participated in the services and programs, including former Israeli president Haim Herzog and Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo.

"We hope to meet in 10 years and have even made arrangements for a reunion in 50 years," Kapelus smiled.

Three Canadians (from left) Eddy Balter of Montreal, Jerry Kapelus of Toronto and Robbie Wiseman of Vancouver are seen in Tel Aviv at the convention commemorating the liberation of the Children of Buchenwald.

Memories of Bergen-Belsen

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — After 50 years, the memory of what he found at Bergen-Belsen still haunts John Doerksen and makes him wonder why G-d permitted those atrocities to happen.

As a 21-year-old RCAF medical technician, Doerksen arrived at the camp just hours after it was liberated by the British Army. He described the scene as "horrendous ... people were just skin and bones. Whether you're a survivor or liberator it's an experience you can't forget."

Speaking at the 20th annual two-day Holocaust symposium for high school students, held at the University of British Columbia, Doerksen said the experience led him to enrol in a Bible college to try and find more answers to what he had seen in the camp.

"I'm a Christian guy and I believe in G-d and I have a lot of faith — but I'm human. I get emotional. I can't understand why G-d would permit something like this.

"As a Mennonite I've been taught that Jews are G-d's chosen people," he continued. "G-d's treatment of us depends very much on how we treat the Jews."

Doerksen said this was the first time he had ever spoken publicly about the Belsen experience.

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At a Bergen-Belsen memorial meeting in Victoria, another medic spoke about his findings at the camp.

Dr. George Woodwark, a Victoria cardiologist, said conditions at the camp were unbelievable. He arrived there shortly after the British troops had taken over.

He said the situation was so terrible he has been unable to talk about it. After a few minutes on the podium, he broke down and was guided gently to his seat and comforted by Rabbi Victor Reinstein.

The doctor confirmed that a film shown at the meeting about the liberation was accurate. The film showed thousands of bodies scattered around, which the SS officers at the camp were ordered to bury.

Forum addresses Mideast developments

By SUSAN MERSKEY
CJN Correspondent

LONDON — Israel must not allow terrorist activities to kill the peace process, was the message of a recent public affairs forum here attended by about 60 people.

The forum, organized by London Hadassah-WIZO and sponsored by the London Jewish Federation and the Jewish National Fund, addressed Mideast developments.

Speakers Chaim Waxman, Israel's vice-consul in Toronto, and David Goldberg of the Canada-Israel Committee both said peace is a prerequisite for ending terrorism.

Waxman said much has been accomplished since the Oslo accords were signed, but more remains to be done.

Goldberg spoke of a change in terrorist threats, which have moved away from the secular Palestinians — primarily the PLO, the PLF and Fatah — and now come from the Muslim fundamentalist groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad, who are pledged to eliminate not only Israel but also the more moderate, secular Arabs who favor the peace process.

The fundamentalists, Goldberg said, want to re-establish an Islamic world similar to the one of the seventh century. Their leaders preach the glory of dying for the cause, an attitude which does much to explain the current proliferation of suicide bombings, he said.

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If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may submit your comments on the Draft Policy in writing by ***May 26, 1995****. Please write or fax submission to: Antiracism and Ethnocultural Equity Unit, North York Board of Education, 5050 Yonge St., North York M2N 5N8 Fax: (416) 395-8441*

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St. Andrew-St. Patrick could be bellwether riding

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

ONTARIO ELECTION '95

TORONTO — Though their borders overlap somewhat, the mid-Toronto riding of St. Andrew-St. Patrick doesn't quite have the bellwether reputation of its federal counterpart, St. Paul's.

Still, for the past three elections, the area's voters have anticipated province-wide trends, sending to Queen's Park Tory Larry Grossman in 1985, Liberal Ron Kanter in 1987 and New Democrat Zanane Akande in 1990. Coincidentally, each was a representative of the winning party.

This time around, the field is wide open as candidates for the three major parties agree 1995 will be a three-horse race.

Lawyer David Jacobs is hoping to retain St. Andrew for the New Democrats, family practitioner Dr. Carolyn Bennett is representing the Liberals and television producer/reporter Isabel Bassett is contesting it for the Tories.

Isabel Bassett

"People feel it's time for a change," Bassett said. "I say they've got two choices. Our plan says we have to manage our money carefully to preserve education, health and community safety ... On the other hand, you've got [Premier Bob] Rae's approach: tax, tax, tax, spend, spend, spend. In the middle, you don't know." Liberal leader Lyn McLeod has "flip flopped" so often, her positions on key issues isn't clear, she said.

The Tories' main focus will be on boosting the economy. That can be accomplished by creating an atmosphere in which business can thrive and by eliminating restrictions, such as the New Democrats' labor legislation, Bill 40, which, among other provisions, prevents the use of replacement workers during strikes. Legislation like that scares entrepreneurs away from Ontario, she contends.

In addition, the Tories plan to continue their pro-business tilt by removing employee health care tax for small businesses, instituted by the Liberals, Bassett said.

The Tories will be more prudent with taxpayers' dollars. "Someone has to say No to spending money on every single thing. You can't spend money you don't have on and on," Bassett said.

Jacobs, a member of the legal committee of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, defends the NDP record and counterpunches with attacks at the federal Liberals.

PREVIOUS ELECTION RESULTS:

1990

Zanana Akande (NDP)	10,321
Nancy Jackman (PC)	9,241
Ron Kanter (LIB)	8,938
Plurality	1,080
Voter Turnout	66.9%

1987

Ron Kanter (LIB)	14,159
Larry Grossman (PC)	10,483
Gladys Rothman (NDP)	5,608
Plurality	3,676
Voter Turnout	64.5%

It's nonsense to say Ontario's economic downturn was caused by NDP policies, he said.

"We inherited a mess and a deficit from Lyn McLeod's and David Peterson's Liberals and were subjected to billion of dollars in discrimination from Brian Mulroney's government starting in 1990," he said.

Rae made difficult decisions, reduced government expenditures and created jobs at the fastest tempo in Canada while preserving health care and social services, he argued.

Carolyn Bennett

A native of the Welsh town of New Tredegar, Jacobs said he is stressing health care and Rae's key role in fighting for Ontario's fair share of federal dollars.

"We need leadership in Ontario that will have the integrity and courage to stand up for people and fight against the cutbacks that are unfairly and disproportionately hitting the people of Ontario," he said.

Bennett, a family practitioner, becomes quite animated when discussing health care. "It's sad to see what the NDP have done to health care," she said. The health care system must be reformed and made more accountable for the massive tax dollars that go to support it.

Bennett, who ironically is doctor to Bassett's children (Bassett says she's working to keep her there), says money could be saved through simple measures like providing patients with a "cuff" to take their own blood pressure or by reducing the number of cholesterol checks.

"The health system can't be a candy store any more."

Like Bassett, she agreed that changing the economic climate in Ontario is crucial.

"People see that Ontario is not a good place to open a business," she said. "We must encourage the entrepreneurial spirit. Government has been in the way of that."

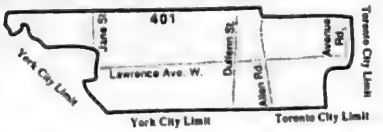
David Jacobs

More election coverage in next week's issue of

The Canadian Jewish news

From coast to coast

Lawrence: the smallest riding in Metro Toronto



ONTARIO ELECTION '95

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

Emilia Valentini

Joseph Cordiano

TORONTO — A newcomer to politics, the Progressive Conservative candidate, Emilia Valentini, 34, is opposing a political veteran, 37-year-old Joseph Cordiano, who has held Lawrence riding for the Liberal party since 1987. He represented Downsview from 1985 to 1987.

Although the New Democratic Party ran a strong second in the 1990 election won by Bob Rae, garnering more than 10,000 votes, it had not nominated a candidate for this riding one week before the nomination deadline.

Described as the smallest provincial riding in Metro Toronto, with 40,787 eligible voters, Lawrence has a significant number of Jewish residents, most of them adjacent to Bathurst Street, east and west, from Baycrest Avenue and Orchard Grove on the north to Shelborne Avenue on the south. Most of the riding is west of the Allen Expressway, south of 401 to the York city limits.

Though Valentini and Cordiano both agree that Italians are the largest ethnic group in the riding, the P.C. candidate estimates the Jewish vote at 25 per cent, while the Liberal says it is 10 per cent. Both agree that it is important to the outcome.

Cordiano said the voters are fed up with the NDP government and want a change for the better in economic conditions.

"The NDP campaign in general in this election has been bizarre," he said. "Bob Rae appears to be in a daze."

A co-owner of a restaurant on Dufferin Street, Valentini says times are so tough that a lot of Italian couples have moved back in with their parents to save money. The downturn in the business climate in the past few years has resulted in the downsizing of some industries and the sudden availability of lots on Caledonia Avenue for new business. As a result, jobs are a big concern in the riding.

Some seniors fear that the NDP government's bill to reform long-term care services in Metro Toronto will mean that those services will not be as ethnically sensitive as before, Cordiano said.

"There is genuine concern that Baycrest Centre and Villa Columbo will not be able to serve their own populations as well as they did. The Liberal party introduced a bill for one-stop shopping for senior services, but the NDP turned it on its head, requiring that one agency provide 80 per cent of the services."

Valentini says a lot of people on the doorstep have told her they don't trust any political party or the promises they make.

Both candidates say safety is uppermost in the minds of many voters particularly since a shooting last year outside an after-hours club on Dufferin Street, in which two people died. The club has since closed.

In that vicinity, there was so much noise that parents had trouble getting their children to fall asleep, Valentini said.

As a member of the opposition, Cordiano said he helped convince the government to give Metro Toronto new powers to license after-hours clubs.

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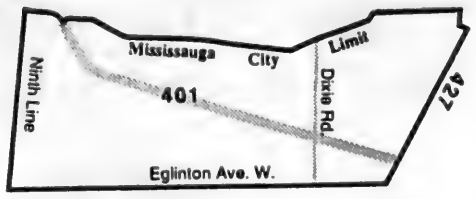

Job security on voters' minds

ONTARIO ELECTION '95

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jobs are the single biggest issue in Ontario's election campaign, Mississauga North Liberal incumbent Steven Offer says bluntly.

"Job security has gone out the window," the Jewish MPP told *The CJN* in a recent interview. "Many people have lost jobs, many for the first time in their lives.

Mississauga North

Offer will be running in the June 8 vote against the New Democrats' Dan Chekhar and John Snobelen for the Conservatives.

The electorate's concerns haven't changed much since the 1990 vote, Offer said, and that have even been heightened in such areas as health care and education.

The Liberals, he said, will create a climate for economic growth, with no tax increases, while balancing the budget in their first term.

"We will cut back on the regulatory burden of businesses doing business, and will implement specific programs for youth and the unemployed."

Offer, a 46-year-old lawyer, was first elected to the Ontario Legislature in 1985, and re-elected in 1987 and 1990.

One of four Jewish MPPs, Offer has been parliamentary assistant to the minister of consumer and commercial relations; chair of the Ontario Advisory committee on liquor regulations; and parliamentary assistant to the attorney general.

From August 1989 until the 1990 election, he was Solicitor General, Ontario's top law enforcement officer.

In opposition, he was labor critic from 1990 to 1993, and is now environment critic.

A Liberal government, he said, would scrap the Interim Waste Authority, which had a mandate to find three mega-dumps — one in Peel, one in York Region (to handle waste from York and Metro Toronto) and one in Durham.

"We want responsibility for waste management to go back to the regions where it used to be, and where it should be."

Steven Offer

Offer said he is "disturbed" by desecrations of synagogues and other examples of racism and anti-Semitism. The emphasis must be, he said, on discussion of the issue and on how hate can be combatted.

Offer believes that through the years, he been responsive and accessible.

"People don't always agree with you, but I have found that they generally have an understanding of what you do. They are willing to work with their elected representatives to make the community a better place."

He is concerned about the cynicism many feel about politicians and government in general.

"I feel with passion that people want to know the specifics. You have to be willing to unfold yourself and be accountable."

He and his party, he said, won't make "wide-eyed promises" that will be broken "the day after the election. We are being realistic and responsible. We only say and do what we can commit to."

Offer, his wife Karen and three daughters are involved in Solel Congregation, the Reform synagogue in Mississauga. "It is not just a place for prayer and education — it's a real community place, for friendship and getting together."

PREVIOUS ELECTION RESULTS:

1990

Steven Offer (LIB)	12,658
Jean Foster (NDP)	11,216
John Snobelen (PC)	7,990
Plurality	1,442
Voter Turnout	57.8%

1987

Steven Offer (LIB)	14,604
John Moszynski (NDP)	6,153
Gabriel Spoletin (PC)	5,309
Plurality	8,451
Voter Turnout	54.0%

From coast to coast

PEACE ACCORD COMMEMORATED

At a Yom Ha'atzmaut reception hosted by the Consulate of Israel, Ziad Malawi (left) editor of monthly Arabic newspaper *Al Mersal*, presented Israel's Consul General Dror Zeigerman and his wife Asie with a framed picture commemorating the signing of the peace accord between Israel and Jordan. [Graphic Artists photo]

Gazans 'frustrated': reporter

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After one year of Palestinian self-rule, there has been no change in virtually any aspect of life in the Gaza Strip, says CBC Radio's Jerusalem correspondent.

Gazans still depend on Israel for jobs because Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat has been unable to create real employment outside policing and administration, Mark Lavie told an audience recently at Beth David synagogue.

That's reflected in polls, Lavie stated. One recent survey found that 77 per cent of Gaza residents are "frustrated" after a year of self-rule.

Lavie, a familiar voice to many Canadians, said there has been "no change" in Gaza; not in infrastructure, not in jobs and not in appearance. On radio, "you have trouble conveying the smell of Gaza. You can not only smell and see the raw sewage, you feel it."

While some Gazans blame Israel for closing its borders with the self-rule areas, others blame the extremist Hamas and Islamic Jihad groups for their plight. But, Lavie said, "everyone blames Arafat for not being able to make it all work."

On the plus side, Palestinians, unlike other Arabs, want democratic elections because of 27 years of exposure to Israeli democracy, Lavie said.

He said "one of the most significant developments" in Israeli society is that "terrorism works inside Israel. Terrorist attacks have changed the political map, and Israelis are terrified."

Lavie cited another poll that found 85 per cent of Israelis are worried or very worried that terrorism will harm them personally.

And he said the majority of Israelis — 60 per cent — now favor dependence on the military, versus 40 per cent who want negotiations with Palestinians to continue. As well, 70 per cent of Israelis oppose ceding the Golan Heights to Syria, even in return for a full peace, Lavie said.

Lavie said it's still too early to tell whether self-rule works and he predicted "varying degrees of turmoil to come."

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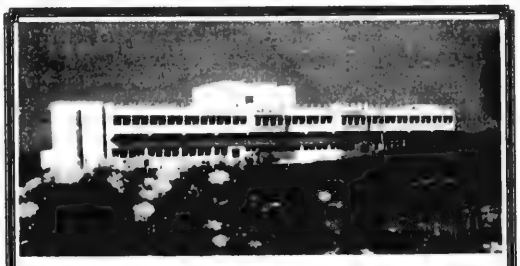

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

DEADLINE REMINDER

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Thursday, May 18

LAG B'OMER PICNIC

Chabad Lubavitch and Lubavitch Day Camp's Lag b'Omer picnic is 5:30-7:30 p.m., Earl Bales Park, with fun for the entire family — juggler, music, food for sale. Bring your own beach chairs and blankets. In case of rain, program is at Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, Thornhill.

Sunday, May 21

MITZVAH PARTNERSHIP

Put your Canadian Tire Money to work for the needy at Mitzvah Partnership's Canadian Tire Money drive, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Centrepoint Mall Canadian Tire store, 6310 Yonge St. Money will be distributed by Jewish Family & Child Service to clients for equipment, tools and supplies to help them find employment or set up their own business. Mitzvah Partnership's Money Hotline 638-7800, ext. 795.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

At Shaarei Tefillah Brotherhood's monthly breakfast, **Rabbi Immanuel Sholchet** will speak on Kabbalah — What Is It Really About? Services 8:30 a.m., breakfast and program 9:15.

MEGA GARAGE SALE

You'll find great bargains at Temple Har Zion's Mega Garage Sale, 10 a.m. in the parking lot 7360 Bayview Ave., Thornhill.

THE POWER OF KABBALAH

Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., features The Power of Kabbalah, dealing with the mysteries of life, death, good, evil, success and failure, 7:30 p.m. Admission free. 631-9395.

Monday, May 22

CRAFT AND GIFT SALE

Na'amat's Craft and Gift Sale has something for everyone, with over 120 artisans, craftspeople and gift vendors participating, plus hourly draws, clowns, balloons and a visiting dinosaur, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bayview Village Mall, Sheppard and Bayview. Free admission and parking. Proceeds to child care and education.

INSIGHTS INTO THE SYNAGOGUE

What's What in the Synagogue?, an explanation of the philosophy behind the various components of the shul by **Dr. Alex** and **Sandy Pister**, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Promenade Mall, Suite 303.

RUMMAGE SALE

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood is holding a rummage sale featuring good new and used clothing, household goods, books, records and more, 9 a.m. to noon at the synagogue.

Tuesday, May 23

A JEWISH TOWN IN POLAND

A Jewish Town in Poland Before and During the Holocaust is the topic Yiddish poet **Simcha Simchovich** will address (in English) at the New Fraternal Jewish Association meeting, 8 p.m. Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. No charge.

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT SERIES

Toronto ORT Women of Achievement series continues with **Joanne Yolles**, Scaramouche Restaurant chef extraordinaire, 7:30 p.m., the McGill Club, 21 McGill St. Tickets/information 787-0297.

PHARMACY IN HEALTH CARE

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon features pharmacist **Irving Knopman** speaking on The Role of Pharmacy in Health Care, 12:30 p.m. at the synagogue. RSVP to **Ruth Fruitman** 905-731-6660 or **Rose Mintz** 633-7190.

THE LAND OF ISRAEL

The Frances Bitterman Memorial Trust Fund presents **Shira Herzog**, analyst and spokesperson on the Arab-Israeli conflict, speaking on The Future of the People and Land of Israel in the Light of Present Reality, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

STOP DIETING & LOSE WEIGHT

Kashruth Council of Toronto Kosher Cooking School features Stop Dieting and Lose Weight (cooking demonstration) 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Fee $15. To register, 635-9550.

Wednesday, May 24

TRANSNISTRIA SURVIVORS

Transnistria Survivors Association meeting focuses on Exciting News from Russia, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomaym Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., Room 29. $5. RSVP to **Felicia** 482-1813 or **Bella** 781-9909.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Beth Sholom Hebrew School invites you to a cooking demonstration by **Rose Reisman**, 12:30 p.m. at the home of **Debby** and **Warren Kimel**, 7 Rosemary Lane. $35 donation to Hebrew school. **Risa** 781-4356 or **Linda** 785-3558.

ORT CHAPTER LUNCHEON

Arts and Entertainment chapter, Toronto ORT, is holding its inaugural luncheon. For information, 787-0297.

Thursday, May 25

VIOLENCE IN THE FAMILY

Na'amat Canada is hosting a luncheon and forum on The Hidden Terror — Violence in the Family, with moderator **Andy Barrie** of CFRB, and panelists **Sen. Anne Cools** and lawyer **Albert Weisbrot**. Special guest is Israeli attorney **Sharon Shenhav** a director of Na'amat Israel. Luncheon is at noon at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W. Charge $45. Reservations/information 636-5425.

RE: POWER OF ATTORNEY

National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, features **Barry Corbin** in a discussion on Recent Changes in Ontario Regarding Power of Attorney, 8 p.m. Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Members $5, non-members $10. Reservations 633-5100.

JEWISH COMMUNITY IN MOROCCO

Beth Sholom Synagogue adult education committee presents The Jewish Community in Morocco is Alive and Well with **Rabbi Yehiel Benayon** of Mogen David Synagogue. Sephardi refreshments, 8 p.m. Beth Sholom. No charge.

MULTIFAITH EVENT

Celebrating or Fearing Our Diversity: Ritual Dress as a Barometer of Tolerance is the topic of the multifaith event featuring keynote speaker **Bernie Farber**, Canadian Jewish Congress, and a multifaith panel — Sikh, Jewish, Muslim — 5:30 p.m., Hart House Debates Room, University of Toronto, 7 Hart House Circle. Vegetarian buffet dinner. RSVP to Campus Chaplains Association 978-8100, or **Rabbi Michael Skobac**, Jewish Students' Union 923-9861.

RIGHTS FOR GAYS & LESBIANS

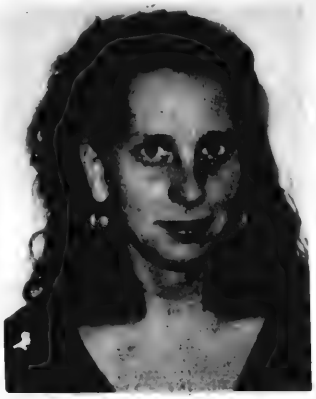
Holy Blossom Temple's social action committee presents Equal Rights for Gays and Lesbians — Before the Law and in the Synagogue with **Rabbi Nancy Wechsler**, Temple Kol Ami; **Rev. Brent Hawkes**, Metropolitan Community Church; **Stephen Zilkman**, gay rights activist; and **Michael Leschner**, crown attorney and gay rights activist, 8 p.m. at the temple. 789-3291.

SINGLE PARENTS SERIES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Single Parents' lecture series continues with Issues and Concerns Regarding Child Rearing with family therapist **Susan Leventhal**, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. **Debbie Dash** 633-5500.

EDUCATORS' ASSEMBLY

Among the Jewish educators from Canada attending the Jewish Educators' Assembly held recently in Stamford, Conn., are (from left) Reuven Yalon, director, Educational Services, Toronto Board of Education; Reuven Robbins, director of education, Beth Tzedec; Joan Schoenfeld, principal, Downtown Jewish Community School and president of JEA Canada region; Laurence Katz, principal Beth Jacob, Hamilton, and treasurer JEA Canada region; Edward Goldman, principal, Beth Tikvah; Norman Fischer, principal, Community Talmud Torah, Denver; Ed Frankel, principal, Calgary Jewish Academy. Not shown Solly Kaplinski, educational director, United Synagogue Day School, Toronto.



NEWS AWARD

Marsha Lederman, co-host of the radio talk show Horsman-Lederman airing on AM 640 Monday-Friday from noon to 3 p.m., won an Ontario Radio Television News Directors Association award, the Dave Rogers Award for Feature News Programming, for a five-part radio documentary on the Holocaust last year. The series is to be submitted for a national award to be presented in June in Toronto at the RTNDA convention.

And What Else Is New...

MOLLY PICON'S RETURN

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents *Molly Picon's Return Engagement*, a musical about the life of **Molly Picon**, Wednesday, May 31, 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Written by **Sarah Blacher-Cohen**, the play stars **Renee Matthews** and **Jerry Preskill**. Tickets: general admission $10, reserved section $20, seniors $5; available at Beth Tzedec 781-3511.

PRE-SHAVUOT STUDY SESSION

Kolel, Kavannah and the Bloor JCC invite you to hear **Arthur Kurzweil**, Jewish genealogist and author of *From Generation to Generation: How to Trace Your Jewish Tradition and Personal History*, who will lead a discussion about pluralism in Torah interpretation, Saturday, May 27, 7:45 p.m., Bloor JCC, plus singing and havdalah at 10 p.m. Tickets $10 prepaid through Kolel 905-709-1900, or at Bloor JCC or Kavannah 961-8123.

ADATH ISRAEL SINGLES BRUNCH

Adath Israel Singles Group, 35 Plus, presents a Sunday brunch, May 28, 11:30 a.m. with astrologist **Krystal** speaking on Soul Matching and Universal Connections. Cost $8, prepaid reservations at synagogue office, 635-5340 until noon May 26.

KINDER TRANSPORT

Kinder Transport Organization of Toronto is holding a general meeting with elections Sunday evening, May 28. **Inge** 486-1524 or **Helga** 493-4921.

INTERFAITH CHORAL CONCERT

The Sacred Bridge Interfaith Choral Concert features Holy Blossom Temple Singers, Metropolitan United Church Choir, St. Michael's Boys Choir and St. James' Cathedral Choir, with guest star **Dan Tullis Jr.** (Joe of *Showboat*), Sunday, May 28, 8 p.m., Ford Centre for the Performing Arts George Weston Recital Hall. Co-sponsored by York University, the Atkinson Charitable Foundation and the Christian-Jewish Di-

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

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alogue of Toronto with proceeds going to a lectureship series in religious studies at York U. Tickets $15, $25, $35 theatre box office 733-9388 or Ticketmaster 872-2222.

JEWISH LEARNING EXCHANGE

At Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 466 Spadina Rd., Suite 203, **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz** talks about The Land of Israel, Sunday, May 21, 9:30-10:30 a.m. ($5 donation for breakfast). **Rabbi Mordechai Becher** speaks on Lashon Hara: The Ethics of Speech, Part II, Tuesday, May 23, 8-9 p.m. 483-0883.

JEWISH SINGLES' DIRECTORY

Metro Toronto Jewish Singles' Directory has been revised and includes up-to-date information about various singles groups and matchmaking groups in the Jewish community in Greater Toronto. Copies available at Jewish Information Service, 635-5600. Nominal charge if you are employed; otherwise it's free.

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SISTERHOOD SHABBAT SERVICES

Beth Shalom Sisterhood Shabbat services take place Saturday, June 3, with guest speaker **Selma Sage**, followed by kiddush luncheon. Couvert $12. Prepaid reservations only. RSVP by Thursday, May 25, to **Rose Granatstein** 488-9397 or **Eve Rothblott** 782-0471 or **Andi** (office) 783-6103.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — For Women Only (self-esteem, strategies for stress management and interpersonal relationships, begins June 7); Widows-Widowers (coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships, begins May 25). **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800.

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Jewish Hospice Program is looking for committed and caring volunteers to provide in-home practical assistance and support to Jewish persons and their families during the final stages of a terminal illness. Through training you will acquire new skills and work with a health care team dedicated to ensuring quality care. **Renee Montpellier**, volunteer coordinator, 635-2900, ext. 419.

for seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dance May 20, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dance with live band May 21; movie *The Harvey Girls* Wednesday, May 24, 2 p.m.; Trips — Kitchener, June 21, members $16, non-members $18; Cullen Gardens, Whitby, June 29, members $12, non-members $15; Niagara-on-the Lake and the Falls, July 6, members $18, non-members $20; Catskills at Raleigh Hotel, July 24-30. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Since Monday, May 22 is Victoria Day, club meets Tuesday, May 23, for bingo. 661-4689.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club has a discussion course Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m. until June 26. Upcoming trips — Buffalo June 13; Art Park to see *Singing in the Rain* August 8; Stratford for *The Boyfriend* Sept. 27, and *The Gondoliers* Oct. 25. For all activities and trips **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

LZA Seniors Club still has tickets for *Harvey* at Stage West June 21. Trip to Pines Hotel in the Catskills July 27-August 27 (to register, **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841). Ladies Folkdancing is Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Discussion Group is Tuesdays 10 a.m. at Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Cranbrooke Friendship Club program, 50 Years Since the Victory Over Fascism, with **Prof. Ben Shek**, United Jewish People's Order, Tues., May 23, 1 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. No charge.

Join **Young at Heart Seniors** for a five-day trip to the Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., leaving May 28. Also package deal to Pines Hotel in the Catskills July 14-23. **Helen** 635-6343.

Pine Villa Retirement Residence, 1035 Eglinton Ave. W. celebrates Jewish music with **Cantor Martin Steinhouse** Wednesday, May 24, 2 p.m. Admission free. Early reservations required. 787-5626.

Funtime 55 Plus' two-day trip to Windsor leaves July 9. **Sylvia**, 730-0503.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute Literary Luncheon features **Selma Sage** reviewing *The Sacrifice of Tamar* by **Naomi Ragen**, Monday, May 29, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Members $6, non-members $8. Register early at Information Desk.

LLI Poetry Lovers group meets Tuesdays, 1 p.m. Bring your favorites or your own. No charge. **Bookie Kwart** 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Helpful Information on Allergies and Asthma with **Megan Boyce** of the Allergy and Asthma Information Association, Thursday, May 25, 1:30 p.m. **Sandra**, 225-2112.

Wellness Centre Osteoporosis Support Group meets Tuesday, May 23, 1:30 p.m., when **Nancy Rogers** of North York Public Health discusses Nutrition. Call **Sandra** or **Sharon** 225-2112.

The movie *That's Entertainment* will be screened Sunday, May 21, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday afternoon social May 24 features **Fern Dworkin**, 1:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts, dances. **Anna**, 225-2112.

at the JCC/BJC

Medina Theatre Ensemble of the Bloor JCC will present a concert reading of the new Canadian play *There Comes a Time* by **Fran Elliot** and **Roselle Stone**, directed by **Sylvia Lennick**, Sunday, May 28, 7:30 p.m. Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. Discussion follows with distinguished panel. Members $5, non-members $7. 633-2057.

About People

VOLUNTEER HONORED

Stanley Rosen was one of 15 North York volunteers honored by **Mayor Mel Lastman** and North York City Council at a special presentation in council recently. Each recipient received a City Scroll and the Mayor's Award of Excellence. Rosen, a volunteer for North York Cancer Society for over 20 years, as well as for the Clarkwood Institute for the visually impaired, is a member of the Armour Gardens Community Association, Landsman Polish Association, Wilson Heights B'nai Brith Lodge and Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living Choir.

EDMONTON LEADER HONORED

Edmonton lawyer **Joseph Shoctor** was recently honored with one of the University of Alberta's most prestigious awards — induction into the Alumni Wall of Recognition. Shoctor is a founder of the Edmonton Eskimos Football Club, has chaired United Way campaigns, is a leader in the Canadian Jewish community and has headed numerous initiatives to enhance downtown Edmonton.

Janis Sherman Popp

CONSULTANT FOR CONFERENCE

Janis Sherman Popp was national consultant for this year's spring conference of the Canadian Seaway branch of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, guiding the 20 Conservative sisterhoods to Walk in the Paths of Understanding, the theme of the conference held at Montreal's Shaare Zedek Synagogue May 7-8.

ICRF FUN WEEKEND

Pictured at Israel Cancer Research Fund's annual Club Fun Weekend at White Oaks Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake are event organizers top row (from left) Mitchel Silver, Mitchel Korman, Ed Zabitsky, Maria Fruitman, Bruce Witchel. Front row co-chairs Donny Kagan and Esti Cohen

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From coast to coast

Winnipeg school complex launched

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — A warm sun shone on dignitaries and guests as the Winnipeg Jewish community broke ground May 5 for the Jewish Community Campus.

The $26-million campus, to be built at the site of the former Fort Osborne Barracks in south Winnipeg, will house Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, Ramah Elementary School, the YMHA Jewish Community Centre, a library, community offices, a 200-seat lecture theatre and a new Jewish Museum of Western Canada.

"We are on the threshold of a new era," said Rabbi Alan Green of Beth Israel synagogue.

All three levels of government were represented at the ground breaking ceremony.

Lloyd Axworthy was seated front and centre on a temporary stage along with leaders of major Jewish organizations.

Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon said the location of the campus was appropriate because the buildings on site were originally educational institutions.

Filmon also presented Sheldon Berney, president of the Jewish Community Campus Corporation, with the first of two $500,000 government cheques for the project.

Winnipeg Mayor Susan Thompson praised the vision and leadership behind the project while Michael Werier, representing the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, spoke of the cost-efficient and community-wide programs the campus will provide beginning in the fall of 1997.

"The campus will be a source of pride for many years to come," Werier said.

Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate Grade 9 student Simon Tudiver, who will be in the first graduating class at the new location, spoke of the growing enrolment and crowded conditions at the school.

Women often made scapegoats: MP

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Mother's Day is a time to reflect on the forces that are trying to erase women's advances in society, says Liberal MP Sheila Finestone.

"People look for a scapegoat and some Canadians feel that if women were not in the work force all would be right," she told a recent breakfast meeting of the Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood held in honor of Mother's Day.

Finestone, secretary of state with the dual responsibility of multiculturalism and the status of women, said the reality is that most women must work.

"Women are not a reserve army of labor. Their efforts are critical to the lives of their families ... We cannot afford to stifle the abilities of half of the country."

Finestone said people must be vigilant against those who threaten to erode women's rights. "It takes everyone to work in partnership in order to make sure women make advances."

Singles Events

AMAZING!
Metro Toronto Singles presents our **Fifth Annual Victoria Day Weekend Party,** Sunday, May 21, at 8:00 pm, at the **Berlin Nightclub,** 2335 Yonge Street, North of Eglinton Ave. Cover $12.00. **Door prize a bottle of Dom Perignon champagne. (416) 222-7111**

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New Image 50 Plus Singles is having a dance Saturday, April 20, at **Earl Bales Community Centre at 8:00 p.m.** DJ Phil Allenbick. Refreshments, prizes. Members $5, guests $7. Members' dinner, Sunday, June 11, $10 now due. Catskill trip, Sunday, July 30, to Monday, August 7 (nine days, eight nights).

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From coast to coast

Golden seeks better way of managing GTA

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Lucky, lucky, lucky," says Anne Golden, summing up her career path with a mix of humor and sincerity.

She admits that she took on her present position with some trepidation. Golden, 53, was appointed chair of the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Task Force by Ontario Premier Bob Rae earlier this year.

During an interview last month, shortly after moving into her new office, Golden expressed some concerns. "I think it's fair to say we're in trouble. There's a financial crisis. We have to figure out a better way of governing and managing."

Golden and the four other members of the task force (architect Jack Diamond, consultant Thomas McCormack, University of Toronto president Robert Prichard and family practitioner Dr. Joseph Wong), aided by a small office staff, have 18 months to address issues such as taxes, public safety, transportation and land use.

She anticipates that the task force will recommend significant changes. "I believe the problems we face are not going to be solved by small tinkering."

Golden said their timeframe "is tight, but I believe we can accomplish a lot."

Anne Golden

Of immediate concern to the task force — not in terms of importance but in terms of time, she said — is reviewing Toronto's property tax system, a longstanding issue which Rae wants resolved by Sept. 30.

Rising to a challenge is nothing new for Golden. As president of the United Way of Greater Toronto for the past seven years (a position from which she is currently on leave), she was responsible for the success of Canada's largest annual fundraising campaign ($48.5 million in 1994), despite tough economic times.

She also fought a successful uphill battle as operations coordinator for David Crombie's mayoralty campaign in 1972.

A historian by training, Golden worked as a political researcher and adviser in the Ontario government after volunteering for Crombie. She left her position as director of Liberal policy research for the Ontario Liberal party before joining the United Way in 1982.

Her new position draws on her previous government and community experience. "It brings together everything I've ever done," said Golden.

Professional experience aside, Golden is a born-and-bred Torontonian with a "passion" for the city. Her ideas about what makes Toronto unique are generic and personal at the same time.

"We are a community of communities. We sort of discovered before others that when you have people living downtown it's better, safer, nicer," she said.

"In Toronto we've always had respect for the importance of roots. Toronto is one of the most multicultural cities in the world. We need to nurture those feelings of tolerance and respect for diversity."

She traces her own understanding of ethnic pride to the Jewish values with which she was raised and the importance she places on her own Jewish identity. Her late father, Teddy Richmond, whose involvement in the community included heading the United Jewish Appeal, was a strong influence on her, she said.

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3	cloves garlic	3
1 cup	bread cubes (1/2-inch/1 cm) Italian or French (without crusts)	250mL
2 tbsp	white vinegar	25mL
3/4 lb	dry linguine	375 g

Toss tomatoes, lettuce, seasonings; set aside. In skillet, heat 2 tbsp (25 mL) oil over med.-high heat. Fletten 1 clove garlic, add to skillet, add bread cubes, sauté until golden, about 2 min. Remove, drain, discard garlic. Mince remaining garlic, add to skillet with vinegar & remaining oil; heat over low heat until warmed. Pour over tomato mixture and toss to coat. Cook pasta according to pkg. directions; drain well and toss with tomato mixture. Divide among 4 warmed pasta bowls or plates. Sprinkle each with croutons. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

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Borovoy issues free speech alarm to Jewish community

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Some Jewish community organizations are jeopardizing both freedom of speech and public education through their support of anti-hate legislation and advocacy of the public funding of Jewish schools, a leading civil liberties lawyer has charged.

The positions taken by many Jewish organizations "have been hurting those two key values," said Alan Borovoy at the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods' annual spring breakfast held recently at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

The general counsel of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, Borovoy called freedom of speech the lifeblood of the democratic system and a vehicle for mobilizing support for the redress of our grievances.

"That's what we used so effectively to fight the discrimination committed against us," he said.

Commenting on the prosecution of hatemongers, Borovoy insisted "there is no point in prosecuting a bunch of nobodies.

Alan Borovoy

"I don't like inflicting on the Jewish and general public what amounts to a gratuitous obscenity [Holocaust denials]. With a little imagination we can contain the influence of the hatemongers in our society without resorting to this kind of thing."

People like Zundel whose "influence in our community hovers around zilch" do not worry him. "It would bother me if a person were a teacher or a mayor and spouting that kind of thing."

Borovoy recommended instead strengthening anti-discrimination programs in the areas of employment and housing as well as shoring up the educational programs of the Human Rights Commission.

On the subject of public funding of Jewish schools, he said if full funding for Jewish schools became a constitutional right, other religions would be entitled to it as well. "And at what point will we have the mainstream Protestants coming forward and asking for it also? They who have had their religious practices removed from the public schools and now they see the other groups being funded?"

He wondered what would become of public schools, which he thinks have contributed much to the integration of the community. "Jews and gentiles, blacks and whites, and numbers of other people went to school together. They had the experience of working together, playing together, eating together. All of these day-to-day experiences helped to lower and remove the barriers to inter-group acceptance in our society."

Exercise plays useful role in aiding Parkinson's patients

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "A lot of exciting things in surgical approaches to treating Parkinson's disease are being done in Toronto," Dr. Maureen Shandling, Mount Sinai Hospital, said recently at the Medical Clinic Day sponsored by Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care at the Wagman Centre.

About one per cent of those over 65 suffer from Parkinson's, a total of 70,000 Canadians, Shandling said.

Patients with the disease may benefit as much from exercise as from drugs, she said, suggesting t'ai chi as a suitable exercise for them. Dietary manipulation involving a redistribution of proteins may also help. Recently Internet support groups have been helping patients with Parkinson's.

It takes 15-20 years for a Parkinson's patient to reach the stage of not being able to walk, Shandling said. The drug L-Dopa is the most effective treatment and patients will probably be on it for the rest of their days.

"At the end of the line there is not much point in continuing medication," she said. "It is better to have an alert, immobile patient than an agitated patient receiving medication and wandering everywhere."

Referring to other new developments in treating geriatric disorders, Dr. Morris Freedman said it is important to distinguish between patients with Alzheimer's disease and those with frontal lobe dementia (FLD), as treatment regimens are somewhat different. Freedman is director of the Behavior Neurology Program of Baycrest Centre's Rotman Research Institute.

Frontal lobe dementia is a new entity not recognized before. About five per cent of those with Alzheimer's disease look like they might have this other form of dementia, he said. In FLD, language is not affected early, but in Alzheimer's it is. There is reduced speech output and good comprehension in FLD, but lots of speech with impaired comprehension in Alzheimer's.

A new diagnostic tool, SPECT, (Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography) which measures cerebral blood flow is proving valuable in Alzheimer's disease, Freedman said, although, he added, "There is a lot of controversy about it. Some neurologists never do it. Some do. I use it and find it very reliable."

There is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, he said. The drug L-deprenyl has been given a six-year trial, "but we don't know if it works; there is some evidence that it inhibits cell death."

In the next five or 10 years, he said, the emphasis in Alzheimer's disease will be in the recovery of neuron function, and in prevention.

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Iraqi Jews take their place in all areas of Israeli society

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — No longer an alienated group, the 265,000 Iraqi Jews living in Israel have stopped complaining about Israeli society, said a former Israeli cabinet minister.

Until recently, the Israeli educational system and Israeli society in general were predominantly stimulated by the eastern European influence, according to Mordechai Ben-Porat, a focus which resulted in low self-esteem among young people of Iraqi, Moroccan and Yemenite origin.

When a Knesset education committee studied textbooks in 1977, they found the books were virtually "empty of any heritage of the Jews who came from Arab and Muslim countries," he said.

Through the revision of textbooks to reflect the diversity of Israeli society and the ongoing educational efforts of the Babylonian Jewry Heritage Centre (BJHC), the gap between Jews of Iraqi origin and mainstream Israeli society has been bridged, he said.

Today Iraqi Jews are active in all areas of Israeli society, including its political life. Thirteen members of the Knesset are of Iraqi origin and six Iraqi Jews, including Ben-Porat, have served in the Cabinet.

He spoke at a recent fundraiser for the BJHC sponsored by the Iraqi Jewish Association of Ontario and the Sephardi study program of York University. The evening featured an exhibit of historic photographs that Ben-Porat, now the chair of the centre, brought with him.

The BJHC museum, which opened in Or Yehuda in 1988, displays "an impressive exhibition of the cultural heritage of the Jewish Diaspora's most ancient community," he said.

The centre is currently in the midst of an expansion program and is seeking additional photographs for its collection.

Memorial garden named

TORONTO — A man who always liked country life best is being honored by a memorial garden in the Peterborough Ecological Garden in his name.

Lakefield area civic leader Jack Harris died recently at 67. He moved from Toronto to the rural area, where he lived for 22 years and was a Smith Township home improvement judge and a director of the Lakefield Horticultural Society.

But he was best known to the children along the Trent River as the "ice cream man" who sold treats from a refrigerated truck he develped himself. They also knew him as a clown who handed out lollipops in Lakefield during Canada Day parades or dressed up in a top hat and tails for Queen Victoria events.

A resourceful man, Harris was credited with inventing the safety cap which protects children from hazardous liquids.

Harris, at one time a member of the Baycrest board of directors, was a son of Dr. William Harris, a well-known Toronto family doctor. He was vice-president and manager of Kert Chemicals and a one-time hardware store operator.

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Young entrepreneurs help companies save money

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Shaun Rootenberg and Jeff Greenberg, the principals of Normeric Financial Consultants Inc., try to help companies save money by offering various services related to credit and collections.

Third party collection agencies are costly — they charge hefty commissions — and can be avoided if companies structured their in-house collections departments to operate more efficiently, according to Rootenberg and Greenberg.

"The concept is simple: increase productivity in collections and reduce write-offs," Greenberg said in an interview. "What is difficult is the ability to analyze specifically what your clients' needs are and identify those needs by creating credit policies and guidelines that meet a company's specific needs."

Rootenberg said the company uses a "revolutionary credit scoring profile" for lending institutions which use credit scoring as criteria for extending credit.

Normeric offers an on-site management service — long or short term — to upgrade and/or restructure credit departments and train staff to be more efficient. The company also audits in-house credit and collection files, as well as those listed with credit agencies.

Normeric monitors credit and collection companies to make sure they follow through with collections, Greenberg said. "The motto of many third party credit and collections agencies is that they are the police of the industry. We police the police so that the client is better served ... Many things fall through the cracks because of the sheer volume."

Normeric's target market is Fortune 500 companies with receivables worth millions of dollars, Rootenberg said. "We have managed to either reduce delinquency [customers not paying bills] or enhance recovery [of monies owed] by between three and 15 per cent on average."

He said it's cheaper for companies to pay a flat consulting fee to a company like Normeric than a commission to a collection company; and companies who owe money prefer the involvement of a consultant to a collection agency.

He stressed that the use of third party collection agencies is necessary at times but advises a more judicial use of this arm of the industry.

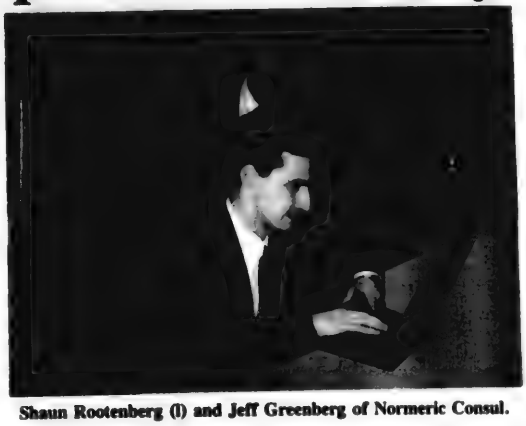
Rootenberg, 27, and Greenberg, 25, have had experience in the collections industry. After graduating with a degree in English in 1990, Rootenberg took what he thought would be a temporary job in collections at a finance company.

But he discovered that he had a natural aptitude and a keen interest in credit and collections and moved to a job at a large agency where he specialized in portfolio analysis.

Here he met Greenberg, a graduate of a college marketing and accounting program.

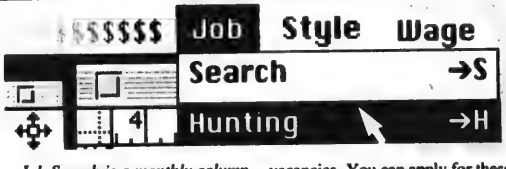
The partners said they both had observed that clients relied on collection agencies to do work that could have been done in-house, and the collection company did not always follow through effectively.

In September 1994, Rootenberg and Greenberg incorporated their company. They said the projected earnings in the first year of operation will be about $200,000.



Shaun Rootenberg (l) and Jeff Greenberg of Normeric Consul.

Greenberg said he is optimistic about Normeric's future. "We offer a unique service that will benefit any company that issues a large amount of credit. What company wouldn't benefit from having more money in their bank accounts?"



Job Search is a monthly column on job searching techniques by jobsearch consultant Lisa Galet. Readers are invited to forward any questions to The CJN.

By LISA GALET
Special to The CJN

After looking for work, month after month, you tend to get depressed, demotivated, downhearted. This change in attitude is normal and to be expected. But after you have taken your allotted time to be depressed, get cracking. You have a lot of catching up to do.

This article will concentrate on where to look to find out about jobs.

Make time to read the newspaper every day. Do not forget the weekly papers, nor the neighborhood rags. To save money you can do this at the library. You should read a copy of the Calgary magazine *Jobs, Jobs, Jobs*. This is a weekly publication of jobs available in a wide variety of fields. Call your local library to see if they have it.

You should visit a Canada Employment Centre every week and use the computerized job banks there. If you need to know how to use them, you can ask a staff person for assistance. The terminals are accessible for wheelchair users. Some of the postings in the job bank can be reached by touch-tone phone. In the Toronto area dial 954-5107.

Many large companies have hotlines on which they record their job vacancies. You can apply for these jobs. Call a company you would be interested in working for and ask them if they have a job hotline.

Try and attend a weekly networking group to meet people in your line of work, hear about job openings "through the grapevine" and keep up your morale. The Executive Advanced Recruitment Network meets in Toronto once a week at a central location. Their number is 466-6891.

Many professional organizations also have network meetings for their unemployed members. Look in the phone book under Association or Canadian and find a group you are interested in. Call and see if you can get involved.

Local Boards of Education sometimes have career centres available to the public. The Toronto Centre for Career action is funded by the Toronto Board of Education and is for men and women who would like a place to do research for their job search. The centre has computers for use, a fax machine and a large library. It also offers career-related seminars. The centre can be reached by calling 393-0550.

Some larger cities have career centres available to the public. In Toronto, Times Change Women's Employment Centre offers seminars on creating a resume, computers for writing resumes and letters, a fax machine, a library of career-related information and a large job board with postings from many companies that cover a wide variety of jobs. Times Change can be reached by calling 927-1900. In Ottawa call Women Career Counselling at 241-5414; and in Windsor call Career Probe West at 944-2265.

If you have decided that you would like to begin your own business and you are currently receiving Unemployment Insurance, contact your caseworker to find out about the Self-Employment Assistance Program. Recipients of other forms of assistance may be eligible for a similar program through jobsOntario.

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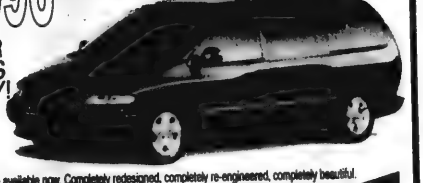

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Toronto Goel Tzedec Synagogue Armistice Day Service, November 11, 1945. On the bimah are Major Gershon Levi, senior Jewish chaplain (standing centre), Chaplain S. Sachs, (seated left), Cantor A. Bernstein (centre), Legionnaire Jack Samuels, president General Wingate branch Canadian Legion (right). [CJC National Archives photo]

My odyssey into freedom proved difficult

By FANIE KRONGOLD

Spring 1945. I was 21, on the threshold of adulthood.

I had been liberated on Jan. 16, 1945, by the Russian army in Czestochowa, Poland. I had lost all my family and was facing freedom lonely and alone, broken in body and soul.

It was a beautiful Polish spring. The sun was shining, the birds were singing, contrasting with my despair. I was the only survivor of a large family, facing the realities of life without food or shelter, education or guidance.

My odyssey into freedom was a difficult one, and survival from day to day was a struggle. No soup kitchens were open, and I lived in constant fear of being raped by Russian soldiers.

In May I met a man, a fellow survivor who became my husband. Together we have built a future. We have children and grandchildren.

Fifty years later the memory of the beautiful Polish spring contrasting with my empty heart is still fresh and alive.

Survival in Stalin's gulag

By ANN SZEDLECKI

May 8, 1945. I walk through a deserted marketplace in Ust-Kamenogorsk, Siberia, just before midnight. Even though I am not a concentration camp survivor, I have survived Stalin's gulag.

I hear over the town's loudspeakers (private radios were not allowed) that Germany's surrender is imminent.

Quietly I let myself into the little room I share with Katie, my Russian landlady, her two children, other relatives and a cow.

Music, singing and crying wake me up shortly after sunrise May 9. I join the crowd celebrating Nazi Germany's defeat and head for the town's square. It is a beautiful day but I feel that the terrible truth is about to descend upon us.

Not everything was joyful: there were lots of tears, remembering the victims, soldiers and common people who did not survive to see that day.

I lost a brother in Russia and upon returning to Poland I learn the fate of the rest of my family. They were all gone.

Liberation on the road to Schwerin

By JUDITH RUBENSTEIN

I was liberated by the American army on May 3, 1945, on the road to the city of Schwerin in North Westphalia, Germany.

We — 1,000 hungry, tired women — had left our camp in Malhow on May 1 under heavy guard. The weather was still chilly, especially when it rained. We slept on the wet ground for a couple of hours, and began to march again. The only sustenance we had was the rain we caught in our mouths.

By the afternoon of the second day, our tormentors had suddenly disappeared, and we found ourselves abandoned in no man's land.

The ditches on the side of the road were filled with medals, insignias and guns left behind by the cowardly SS guards.

Ten of us girls who had known each other previously decided to hide in an attic on the outskirts of a small village. The Geman population had left in haste, knowing that the Russian army was just a few kilometres away. We buried ourselves in the hay, hoping we could survive this final ordeal. Although our bodies were totally exhausted, our hunger prevented us from falling asleep.

We heard people speaking French in the yard, and the heavenly aroma of coffee came wafting up to our hiding place. One by one, we found the courage to come down, and we met a group of young French PoWs cooking on an open fire.

Walking barefoot

They welcomed us with a hot cup of coffee and a huge slice of bread. They told us they had broken into a German military warehouse and found more food than they could carry away. They had information that the American army was not far away, and they planned to walk all night to reach them.

We were offered protection and food if we were willing to help push the little wagon carrying their food supply. We agreed, and walked all night, with exploding bombs lighting up the rainy darkness. Early in the morning, we stopped at a farm house, asking permission to rest for a few hours in the barn. The good farmer refused to let us in, and so we slept once again in the open field. Refreshed, we continued on our journey toward freedom.

By that time, my shoes had no soles and I was walking barefoot on the frozen ground. By early afternoon, we reached a forest and decided to stay there, since we were totally exhausted. As I sat nursing my sore feet, a loud yell drew my attention toward the main road.

The first American tank had arrived, its star-spangled banner proudly waving. All of a sudden, the forest came alive. Refugees who had been hiding behind the trees ran out, kissing the boots of the American soldiers. We really frightened them, as we all looked like aliens from another planet. That night, still hungry, we slept in the attic over a barn, but we were free at last, and our spirits soared.

The rescued group of 10, Schwerin, June 1945.

By May 5, we were taken to Schwerin by former inmates on an abandoned German truck. The Red Cross fed us, and we settled into former Nazi headquarters.

Shavuot fell on May 18 and 19, and we were determined to celebrate our liberation by commemorating this joyous Jewish holiday.

My cousin Regina, who had been with me in Auschwitz, decided to light holiday candles. A lights-out curfew was in effect at the time, and since we had no window covering, the light was noticed by the American patrols.

They charged into the building, demanding to know why we were disobeying orders. Two of the soldiers stood by the door, tears running down their cheeks. These two middle-aged men were Jewish and they realized we were also Jews, celebrating our deliverance from our enemies. They became our mentors and adoptive fathers, slowly restoring our faith and dignity. Their simple human decency helped to heal our deep emotional wounds.

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Knesset presses ahead with land appropriation

Palestinian officials condemn vote

Staff and wire services

JERUSALEM — The Rabin government is going ahead with its plan to appropriate 140 acres of mostly Arab-owned land in east Jerusalem, but has vowed to end the confiscations for the remainder of its term in office.

At the weekly cabinet meeting Sunday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin pledged to stop confiscations for housing construction.

The pledge came after the cabinet approved plans, announced in April, to appropriate the 140 acres in order to build Jewish housing and a police station.

Four ministers from the dovish Meretz bloc voted against the confiscations, and four Labor Party ministers abstained.

Palestinian officials condemned the vote. "There is a serious and continuing attempt to swallow Jerusalem land piece by piece, and this threatens the whole peace process," said Nabil Sha'ath, the Palestinian Authority official in charge of planning.

The Palestinians want east Jerusalem as the capital of their would-be state.

Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet also opposed the cabinet move, believing it is too restrictive. Shetreet favors more land expropriation in Jerusalem.

'Contrary to peace'

Three leading Israeli authors, demonstrating outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem on Sunday, called on the government to reverse the expropriation order.

"The step that the government is about to take today is precisely contrary to peace," author David Grossman told Israel Radio.

He said the confiscations would only serve to "eternalize the state of war" between Israel and the Palestinians.

The Israeli human rights group B'Tselem criticized the land confiscations as a violation of Palestinian rights and international law.

Israeli officials have defended the confiscations as necessary to accommodate the city's natural expansion.

In an attempt to defuse international criticism, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said about 60 per cent of the land to be confiscated is owned by Jews and that 400 of the new apartments planned to be built on the confiscated land would be for Palestinians.

The cabinet statement said Israel "has no intention of carrying out further confiscations for the purpose of housing in Jerusalem."

Government officials are hoping the pledge will take the steam out of the current UN Security Council debate on the issue.

At a session last Friday, some 20 countries condemned Israel's actions during a rare open debate. All the council members, with the exception of the American representative, called for some sort of action against Israel.

The United States vowed to block a Security Council resolution condemning Israel, saying any UN move would only hinder the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

The Arab League, meanwhile, dismissed the government's pledge as "worthless."

Olmert opposes freeze

The government could still seize land for roads or other public works, an aide to Rabin said.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert vowed the expropriation of land would continue. He blasted the government decision to freeze expropriations, calling it "miserable."

However, city officials admitted there is little the municipality could do, as expropriations require federal government approval.

Under Israeli zoning laws, Arabs can build on no more than half of land Israel annexed after the 1967 war.

Some 400,000 Jews and 155,000 Palestinians live in Jerusalem. The city's status is scheduled to be discussed by the two sides in 1996.

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Unity next big item on Jewish agenda: Burg

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — "Can the Jewish people survive without an enemy? This is the most important question of the next century," said Jewish Agency chair Avraham Burg last week during a meeting with a Toronto leadership delegation of the United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada.

"It's very easy to feel oneness when you have a threat," said Burg. But within a decade Israel will live in peace, he said. "Then we will have to ask ourselves what connects us as Jews.

"The most urgent mission facing the Jewish people is saving Jewish communities in distress," he said, adding that within a decade this will be largely accomplished.

Once the remaining Jews from the Commonwealth of Independent States are brought to Israel, there will be only small pockets of Jews in distress around the world, he said. Until now, Israeli and North American Jews have worked together to save those Jews. But with the success of this mission, Israeli and North American Jews will be forced to find new grounds for cooperation.

"We will have to begin a dialogue of a new kind," said Burg.

One of the main purposes of the Toronto delegation was to begin such a dialogue. "There is a growing sense of apartness," said Judy Gwartz, co-chair of the mission. "We're here to look for ways to bring Israeli and Diaspora Jewry closer together."

During the meeting, Burg criticized Israeli President Ezer Weizman's attitude towards the Jewish Diaspora. "He negates your existence," said Burg. "I don't think we can afford to negate anyone. Our enemy is assimilation."

Burg was also skeptical about a proposal made by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin to provide vouchers enabling all North American Jewish youth to spend six weeks in Israel.

"I don't think that a six-week Israel experience can balance the 18 years of non-Jewish aspects in one's upbringing," he said.

Burg bemoaned the steady decrease in funds raised by the UIA and UJA (which make up most of the Agency's budget).

"In my first five weeks in office, I had to cut $30 million from the budget approved only a couple of months ago," he said. "I had to do this because your side is not meeting its promises. It's impossible for me to adjust my activities every three months because of the inability of the other side to raise funds."

Julia Koschitzky, chair of the world board of trustees of UIA, agreed with Burg. "How can the Jewish Agency be fiscally responsible when it has to guess what amount of money it will get every few months?"

Steve Ain, executive vice-president of UIA-Canada, said the organization would push for a three- to five-year guaranteed allocation to Israel in its upcoming fundraising campaign.

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Vets touched by Dutch people's gratitude

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

APELDOORN, Holland — For Lionel Mernick of Toronto walking among the 6,000 other Canadian veterans and taking the salute from Princess Margriet in the "parade of the liberators" was especially meaningful: he carried Israel's flag.

About 40 members of the Wingate Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion in Toronto marched as a separate unit in this event, the highlight of Holland's display of gratitude to the heroism of Canadian soldiers.

They carried Israel's flag, along with the Canadian and Ontario flags, because it is part of the branch's official colors. Some in the crowd noticed the Jewish symbol and asked what it meant. "They were surprised to know that Jews were among the soldiers who liberated their country, even members of the Jewish community here," said participant Sol Raibmon.

"We're overwhelmed; we can't tell you how beautiful it is," said Sam Romberg, the branch's president, as he led the unit.

An unidentified Canadian veteran waves to crowds in a memorial day parade in Amsterdam. And (inset) Lionel Mernick of Toronto's Wingate Branch of the Legion carries Israel's flag in the parade of the liberators in Apeldoorn.

For Sam Ross, who was wounded in Holland while serving with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry, the genuine emotion from the Dutch somehow made it seem worthwhile so many years later.

An estimated 300,000 lined the parade route through this small town, many staking out their place two hours before it began. They clapped and constantly shouted "thank you" along the route. Young and old, they shook hands, had their pictures taken with the vets, threw flowers and candy, asked for autographs and pins. Girls would run onto the street and dance with an elderly gent.

'Welcome again, liberators'

The streets were filled with Maple Leafs and banners proclaiming "Thank you, boys" and "Welcome again, liberators." Astonishingly, their enthusiasm did not flag, even though the parade lasted almost three hours under an unseasonably hot sun.

There were not only "boys" in the Wingate delegation. Reva Wolfson, who was a nurse with the Canadian Army medical corps, was among the marchers. She was stationed in England.

"It's been thrilling and exhilarating; we've had a rousing reception," she said at the end of the long route, sipping water in an army tent, before she boarded a bus for the four-hour trip back to the home near the Belgian border where she was billeted.

Ironically, near the end of the route there is an Israeli restaurant with prominent Hebrew lettering. Its owner, Israeli expatriate Asher Nidam living in Holland 23 years, was surprised to see his native country's flag go by. He offered any tired veteran falafel on the house.

He and his Dutch-born wife Gerda are among the youngest members of Apeldoorn's Jewish community of about 25 families. The synagogue is still open there, but used only on special occasions. For regular services, the 100 or so Jewish families in the area attend the synagogue in Arnhem.

While in Holland, some of the members toured the Canadian war cemeteries seeking out the Jewish graves and saying Kaddish, said veteran Oscar Adler.

Surprisingly, part of the Kaddish was sung during the national annual memorial service held in Amsterdam's Nieuwe Kerk, the huge cathedral next to the royal palace on the main square. The service was attended by Queen Beatrix and the 1,500 who were able to get one of the coveted tickets.

The guest speaker, writer Mies Bouhuys, talked at length about the lessons of the Holocaust and quoted from *The Diary of Anne Frank*. She warned against forgetting the past and lamented the fact that 50 years later wars with racist motivations are still fought.

The Week in Israel

May 8:

• Prime Minister ended his visit to Washington with a series of meetings with top American congressional leaders. In response to reporters' questions about a possible move of the American Embassy to Jerusalem, Rabin said: "Israel will always warmly welcome the move of any embassy to Jerusalem, however we will not get involved in any domestic discussions on how to do it."

May 9:

• The IDF told Israel Radio more civil responsibilities in the areas of trade, industry, fuel, insurance and mail will soon be transferred to the Palestinians in the West Bank.

• *Yediot Aharonot* reported Greenpeace activists had prevented an Israeli ship from disposing hundreds of tons of wastewater off the coast of Haifa. The incident was Greenpeace's first activity in Israel.

May 10:

• Major General Yoram Ya'ir has been appointed to be the Military Attache to the United States.

• *Yediot Aharonot* reported Tehran has been training Palestinian terrorists at camps in Iran. Quoting a senior American official, the U.S. has information directly linking Iran to the Beit Lid bombings.

• IDF First Sergeant Yevgeny Gellerman was killed in southern Lebanon in a night-time exchange of fire. According to *Kol Yisrael*, Gellerman may have died from friendly fire.

May 11:

• Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's Ambassador to the U.S., denied reports that Israel had agreed to a new American proposal aimed at bridging the gaps in the talks with Syria. Rabinovich and his Syrian counterpart, Walid Mualem, are trying to reach an agreement to present to Farouq a-Shara, Syrian Foreign Minister, when he visits Washington next week.

May 12:

• Contrary to front page stories in many of Israel's dailies, Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shitreet told the army radio Galei Zahal that Israel will not expropriate land belonging to the Roman Catholic Cremisan monastery situated on a hill between Gilo and Bethlehem. Shitreet explained if land were to be expropriated, it would only do so after obtaining the consent of the church leaders.

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PLO opposes embassy move to Jerusalem

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Al-Kidwa also warned that any successful transfer of the U.S. embassy would be challenged at the UN and in the International Court of Justice.

The PLO envoy referred to the embassy issue at the opening debate of another political firestorm: the Israeli plan to expropriate about 140 acres of Arab land in eastern Jerusalem.

Despite stiff opposition from the White House and State Department, Senate majority leader and presidential hopeful Robert Dole has asked Congress for money to begin building a new embassy in Jerusalem next year.

Dole introduced legislation last week that would force the State Department to move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem before May 31, 1999. The bill states that construction must begin before the end of 1996.

And Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the House of Representatives, said last week he will join Dole in leading the way on the issue.

As of last week, 20 Republican senators and just two Democrats had signed on to the Dole bill.

The move is seen as controversial because it would mean that work on a new embassy would begin before the final status of Jerusalem is determined.

Israel and the PLO are scheduled to begin negotiations on final status issues next year, including the fate of Jerusalem, and to finish the talks by 1999.

Although the U.S. ambassador would not move from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem until the status of Jerusalem is resolved in those negotiations, the construction "would be a symbolic gesture supporting a unified Jerusalem under Israeli control," said one congressional aide familiar with the proposal.

Dole unveiled his proposal last week before some 2,500 participants, powerbrokers and dignitaries attending the annual banquet of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

"What are we waiting for?" he asked the cheering crowd.

The latest effort goes one step beyond a letter 93 senators sent to Secretary of State Warren Christopher last month calling on Washington to move its embassy to Jerusalem at the end of the final status talks. More than 260 members of the House have signed a similar letter.

The embassy would likely be built on a parcel of land in western Jerusalem that the United States bought last year.

In other developments last week:

- PLO leader Yasser Arafat attacked the Dole proposal, saying, "These latest attempts to move the American embassy to Jerusalem are dangerous and in violation of previous U.S. administration decisions."
- Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told reporters after meeting U.S. President Bill Clinton that the issue was not discussed. But Rabin said the location of the U.S. embassy does not affect Israel's claim to Jerusalem.
- The Clinton administration launched a full-court press to keep Democratic senators from signing on to the bill, saying the legislation "will have a devastating impact on the peace process."
- Gingrich delivered a blunt message to Arabs who object to the move: Grow up.

In a speech to the AIPAC banquet, Gingrich said: "I'm told that if we were to move the embassy there tomorrow, this would cause enormous unrest among those neighbors that would like to destroy Israel. Well, I'm frankly not sympathetic to that.

"We need to send a simple signal to the Middle East: The dominant power on the planet, the leader of the world, is committed unequivocally to the survival of Israel, and we will take those steps that are necessary to work with the free people of Israel to assure their survival."

- In Israel, a weekend opinion poll found that 58 per cent of respondents approved transferring the embassy, 35 per cent were opposed and seven per cent had no opinion.

HU to honor Kohl

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Hebrew University of Jerusalem plans to name its new institute for European studies after German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Israel's ambassador to Germany, Avi Primor, said last Friday that the gesture was to thank Kohl for his long support of Israel. Primor said Kohl deserved special merit for helping win "privileged status" for Israel in its relations with the European Union at last year's EU summit in Essen.

"It was a huge present for Israel," Primor told the Reuters news agency on a day of celebrations marking 30 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Kohl is due to visit Israel next month.

Neo-Nazis suspected in cemetery vandalism

FRANKFURT — A Jewish cemetery in the central German town of Goettingen was desecrated last week, police said Sunday. Eleven gravestones were overturned and some were broken, apparently by neo-Nazis.

Damage was estimated at the equivalent of about $50,000 Canadian.

The incident was first reported by a cemetery caretaker last Friday and may be connected to telephone calls received earlier in the week by two local Protestant churches. Callers repeated Nazi slogans and threatened to vandalize the Jewish cemetery in Goettingen, about 200 km northeast of Frankfurt.

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RA bans discrimination

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Ten years after the Conservative movement ordained its first female rabbi, rabbis in the movement have passed a resolution rejecting discrimination against their female colleagues.

The resolution, passed May 8 at the 95th annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly (RA), acknowledges discrimination against female rabbis, including less pay for equal work.

The resolution rejects "any attempts at gender discrimination" and instructs the RA's Joint Placement Commission "to provide equal access employment, to address the issue when raised by congregational members and to take appropriate action" when necessary.

Appropriate action outlined in the resolution includes:

- Endorsing a policy calling for equal pay for men and women in comparable positions;
- Producing and disseminating educational material for congregations on the status of female rabbis;
- Monitoring placement practices to ensure that no pattern of gender discrimination takes place.

The convention, held last week at the Concord Hotel at Lake Kiamesha, N.Y., included a special ceremony on the opening night of the gathering to honor a decade of women as rabbis.

"We seek the same respect, rights, privileges and an equal hearing for our male and female colleagues," said Rabbi Joel Meyers, executive vice-president of the RA.

This year's class of rabbis ordained by the Jewish Theological Seminary will include 11 women, bringing the total number of female Conservative rabbis to 71.

The issue of women as rabbis has long been discomfiting to Conservative rabbis in Canada, who are seen as being to the right of their American colleagues.

In Ontario especially, the RA has been dormant for months and may soon be replaced with an active wing of the Union for Traditional Judaism, founded in 1983 — the same year Conservatives began ordaining women — to bring more conservatism to the Conservative movement.

Hershon elected CJC president

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Congress' new legal counsel Keith Landy promised a full review of election procedures before the next plenary.

The election campaign was marked by allegations of impropriety on both sides. The Hecht team was criticized for paying the registration fees of some supporters, especially young people, while the Hershon team was denounced for allegedly maligning Hecht's integrity in the media.

Hecht had the public support of an impressive list of community leaders and his campaign appeared to have the momentum.

Hershon said her priorities are national unity, small Jewish communities in Canada, fighting anti-Semitism and racism and involving the young in Congress.

She voted to "let the separatists know in no uncertain terms that Canadian Jewry stands for a united Canada," an apparent reference to Hecht's perceived ambiguity on federalism.

In another swipe at her opponent, an outspoken Likudnik, Hershon said, "Every door is open to me in Israel because I am not perceived as allied with one political party."

Goldie Hershon

In other officer contests, Zave Climan of Montreal was elected treasurer, Robbie Diamond of Toronto associate chair and Frank Schlesinger of Montreal, secretary.

Elisheva Torem celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on December 24, 1994, at Kibbutz Sde Eliahu, Israel

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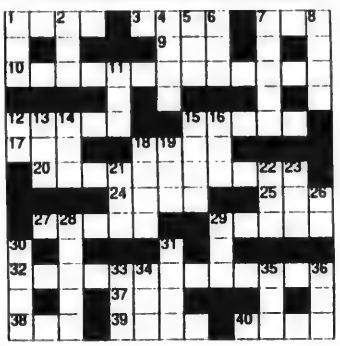

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1 A - may give a wise man counsel
3 Reflection of sound
7 Every man is - on some point
9 Moves boat
10 Fickle
12 Kosher requires cut be made from here
15 Describes behaviour of cats
17 Sovereign (slang)
18 Indicating association with tumor or mass
20 Destroyed the First Holy Temple
24 Helper
25 Halide is a halogen atom that has become one of these
27 In Operation - in 1946 the British cordoned off Tel Aviv
29 Small marjoram leaves have the most flavour: Truth or False?
32 Creative idea generation session
37 He who would go to for pleasure, would go to hell for a pastime
38 Refusal
39 Get by
40 A hybrid fouriegger

DOWN

1 Change of pasture makes - calves
2 SI unit of electrical resistance
4 Israel does not have this fuel
5 Actor
6 Crude metal
7 Has only trace of fat
8 Welfare
11 We must - a peck of dirt before we die
13 To hold up
14 Eggs
15 Pimples
16 French: law
18 Diversity
19 In the land of -
21 Talk
22 Nothing
23 Distress signal
26 Compass point
28 Most of the 42 founders of Givat Brenner in 1928 came from here
29 Animal skin
30 Despite his first name he was not a member of a Swedish pop group
31 Brigadier Rafael - was given command of defence of Golan Heights on Oct 6 1973
33 You don't want your bank to tell you this
34 View
35 A type of contract by a debtor
36 Mild exclamation

Answers for May 11

Arts

Films offer new dimension to Jewish civilization

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

It's a measure of the popularity of Toronto's 3-year-old Jewish Film Festival that, according to director Debra Plotkin, "We sold 200 passes to the festival without anyone knowing what the program was."

Another measure of the festival's success are the long line ups outside the Bloor Cinema before each screening.

Each day during the week-long festival, a lone fiddler pacifies the crowds with the familiar strains of Russian and Hungarian Jewish melodies, not to mention *Fiddler On The Roof*. Parking spots on local streets seem especially hard to come by and neighborhood restaurants do a booming business.

"I look forward to coming to the festival every year," said Paul Pascal, a ticketholder who was first in line for the Sunday afternoon screening of the 1993 Mexican film *Like A Bride*.

"I think that Jewish films are an additional and unexpected dimension of Jewish civilization. As opposed to going to synagogue or Zionism, here is a whole new expression of Jewish identity."

Standing beside Pascal in line as she did several years ago at the marriage altar, Ruth Rohm said she found she could relate personally to many aspects of *Mina Tannenbaum*, the 1993 French film that opened the festival.

"I found it very evocative and very emotionally rich. As a woman, I felt that it really captured a lot of the psychological realities of being a Jewish daughter, being a friend, having relationships with men and being judged on one's appearance.

lawyer.

The public's response to the festival has been highly positive, according to festival producer Helen Zukerman. Every day of the festival, attendees were invited to comment by filling in questionnaires.

"Some of the things that people write on the questionnaires are so achingly beautiful," she said. "Some people are so touched by some of the films, it's almost a verification of some of their deepest feelings. Especially Holocaust survivors, because a lot of them are silent about so many things, and then they see it in a film.

"Many people write about their sense of community and the sense of belonging that they experience during the week of the festival," she said.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Jewish Film Festival: Author Frederic Morton, who was in Toronto for the Jewish Film Festival last week, told Eye On Arts an interesting legend regarding his native city of Vienna, where he was born in 1925. The story goes that Kara Mustafa, the Turkish military leader, carried with him three stone talismans from Jerusalem when his army attacked Vienna in 1683. One was a stone from the Church of the Nativity, another a stone from Dome of the Rock, the third a brick from the Western Wall of the Second Temple.

According to this legend, Mustafa took two of the talismans with him when the Turks were repelled, leaving behind the brick from the Western Wall. Two centuries later, when Morton's grandfather became a successful factory owner and bought up a whole street in an eastern section of Vienna, the old man came to believe that he possessed his own personal Jerusalem "because the brick of the Western Wall was there," Morton explains. "The street where I was born, and where my family still owns two buildings, was very near the headquarters of Mustafa."

Based on his family's experiences in Vienna over several generations, Morton's novel *The Forever Street* elaborates on this legend. The novel begins when his grandfather first came to Vienna at the age of 15 during the first World Exposition, and ends on the day of the Anschluss, when Austria was absorbed into Germany in 1938. *The Forever Street* is going to be made into a film early next year, Morton said.

In the early '60s, Morton wrote a bestselling study of the Rothschilds, which was later made into a Broadway musical and remounted in New York and Miami in recent years. His 1979 book *A Nervous Splendor* remains one of the best books on events of 1888 and 1889 leading up to the suicide of Crown Prince Rudolf at Mayerling. A follow-up book, *Thunder and Twilight*, focuses on events of 1913-14, from the assassination of Austrian archduke Franz Ferdinand to the opening of World War I. According to Morton, shooting begins next year for a two-hour television movie based on this work.

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Gold-Plated Chaplin: The Canadian Film Centre presents Charlie Chaplin's classic 1925 film *The Gold Rush*, which tells the story of a lone prospector seeking fame and fortune in the mad rush for hidden gold in the Yukon. The screening is a fundraising event for the centre, and includes a special guest introduction by Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. Tickets are $250.

The event takes place at the George Weston Recital Hall, Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, North York, June 1, 8 p.m., with a champagne reception at Windfields, the Bayview Avenue home of the centre. Honorary patron for the event is North York Mayor Mel Lastman, honorary gala chair is Norman Jewison, and gala chair is Marilyn Lastman — 416-445-1446, ext. 469.

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In Brief: Sacred Bridge, an interfaith choral concert, takes place at the George Weston Recital Hall at the Ford Centre, North York, May 28. Adath Israel's Rabbi Erwin Schild introduces the event, which features the Holy Blossom Synagogue Choir under Cantor Benjamin Maissner and various church choirs. For tickets, call 416-733-9388 or 416-872-2222.

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Me'Irim Dance Company, under the artistic direction of Shula Saltzman, performs in the Human Lingo Danseries at the Winchester Street Theatre, 80 Winchester St., Toronto, June 14, 15 and 18. Tickets $7 — 416-504-7331.

Barefoot In The Park, by Neil Simon, is performed by the blind, visually impaired and sighted cast members of the Glenvale Players, CNIB, Toronto, May 24 to 28. Call 905-660-1899.

Shmoozing in the lobby

Between screenings, film-goers stand elbow to elbow in the theatre lobby and chat.

"I'm very satisfied with the wide range of films," said Avi Hyman, a communications specialist. "And I'm glad to see such a wide range of people, including many who wouldn't normally participate in events within the mainstream Jewish community. I think the festival is a great model for other events."

"I think it's very appropriate that the films are very different, and I hope they reach a very diverse audience," said Heidi Shuster, a

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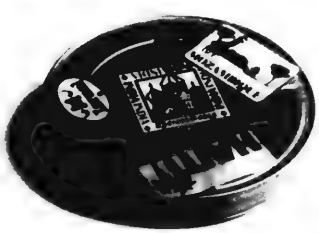
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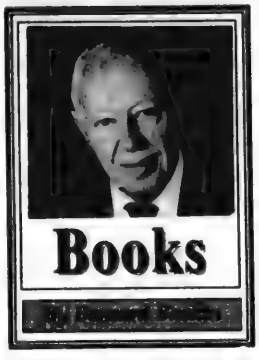

Books

Admitting The Holocaust by Lawrence L. Langer, Oxford University Press ($34.50)

The time has come, asserts Prof. Lawrence Langer, for us to come to terms with the Holocaust — frankly and unflinchingly.

Even after 50 years we find it difficult to confront the stark evil that was Nazi Germany. Perhaps the terrible truth shatters our need for mental self-preservation. How can we acknowledge a world deprived of ethical force, in which raw power supplants human concern, and in which indifference to suffering prevails over compassion?

Admitting the Holocaust is a book of 11 essays by a respected scholar and teacher.

Its main concern is to remove false labels from the Holocaust experience, as well as such terms as dignity, triumph or martyrdom when referring to its victims.

After all, said the author in a recent interview, "There is nothing dignified in standing by while 10 members of your family are killed, and there's nothing triumphant about staying alive when you're powerless to help the people you love to stay alive."

In the essay *The Americanization of the Holocaust on Stage and Screen*, Langer discusses the popularity of the play based on the diary of Anne Frank.

Anne Frank

He sees the play's popularity stemming from the inclusion of Anne's words: "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are really good at heart."

But, Langer writes, "the authors of the dramatic version of Anne Frank's diary lacked the artistic will — or courage — to leave their audiences overwhelmed by the feeling that Anne's bright spirit was extinguished, that Anne, together with millions of others, was killed simply because she was Jewish, and for no other reason."

Langer wonders why a writer like Bernard Malamud, in whose work the themes of suffering and dignity are so closely allied, has touched only peripherally on the Holocaust. Perhaps, he suggests, because the sheer irrationality of the atrocities run counter to Malamud's desire to portray circumstances that allow people to achieve their full human potential.

The television drama *Holocaust*, shown 17 years ago to much fanfare and acclaim, Langer says was flawed because it portrayed "well groomed and sanitized men and women filing into the gas chambers." But he applauds the recent film, *Schindler's List*, for its realistic portrayal of the fear that consumed the concentration camp victims as well as the ruthless and impulsive cruelty of their captors.

So, concludes Langer, there should be no attempt to sweeten or mitigate the horror.

"The need to make the Holocaust appear more harmless than it was has many roots and hence many branches, leaves and blossoms. Efforts to sweeten the bitter fruits of mass murder will have to be monitored for decades, and perhaps generations, if we are to prevent what happened from slipping into a vague limbo of forgetfulness."

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Community troupe to perform Tevye

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Dr. Harvey Cooperberg

TORONTO — Sholom Aleichem's Tevye, his wife and five daughters will soon come to life in Aurora, Ont.

The Hilltop Musical Theatre Company, a non-profit community theatre company based in Richmond Hill, will present *Fiddler on the Roof* at St. Andrew's College, 15800 Yonge St. in Aurora, with evening performances from May 24 to 27 at 8 p.m., and a matinee on May 28 at 3 p.m.

One of the world's most unforgettable musicals, *Fiddler* documents the changing world of the Jews of Anatevka, who faced pogroms and the breakdown of the old ways of life. A deightful show for both young and old, it was originally directed and choregographed by Jerome Robbins and produced by Harold Prince in New York.

In the Hilltop production, Tevye will be played by Markham dentist, Dr. Harvey Cooperberg, a tenor-soloist who grew a beard for the role.

Cooperberg, who has performed in musicals in Toronto, Montreal and Philadelphia, was recently elected president of Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity. He said the May 25 performance is an Alpha Omega fundraiser. The proceeds will go to the Jewish Family & Child Service for people who cannot afford dental care.

Eva Ivanov, who has directed more than 30 amateur and professional productions, is the director and Lorne Derraugh is the music director. A cast of 42 and a number of other volunteers handle costume design, technical work and fundraising.

The Hilltop Musical Theatre was founded in 1979, said Cathy Calligaro, the producer, who has worked with amateur groups for four years. Based in Richmond Hill, the group is involved with arts in York Region through the Arts Council of Richmond Hill, including Heritage Village Day and local festivities. They also perform for local seniors groups and at other community events.

Calligaro said membership is open to anyone in the Toronto area, although most of the members are from York Region. The company operates through donations from local residents and businesses.

"Without reservation, I am proud to be associated with this group of hard working, enthusiastic people," said Hilltop president Lorraine Wilson.

Tickets are $10 for students and seniors, $15 for adults. For tickets and more information, call 905-884-6625.

Summer Fashion

Classic Chanel

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

It was standing room only at the Chanel Boutique when the 1995 spring-summer ready-to-wear collection was presented.

An estimated 160 well-heeled shoppers came out to the boutique, which opened in Toronto six years ago, to watch models strut the catwalk wearing the latest designs by Chanel designer Karl Lagerfeld.

"He makes Chanel young," said Barbara Mauro, assistant manager of the boutique. "No matter what colors, no matter what he's done, it's still classic Chanel."

This spring Lagerfeld is showing cropped or fitted jackets, rhinestone accessories and sequined tweed suits.

The fashion show opened with a cropped cotton tweed jacket, trimmed with black lacquered straw edging worn with a rhinestone belt over a high-waisted corseted wool crepe skirt with a high front slit.

There are variations of the cropped jacket — long and short sleeve, round or v-neck and with or without a collar — available in a variety of colors.

Fancy tweed suits — sequins are added to the day wear — are featured this spring. "This is a new treatment for sequins," Mauro said. "They're not strictly for evening."

Little evening wear was shown at the spring fashion show. There were some black wool crepe cocktail dresses and jump suits, and a black chiffon ankle length dress with horizontal ruffles and pleating.

Brightly-colored bathing suits, some sequined, were shown with rhinestone jewelry. Other spring accessories included patent leather, heart-shaped bags, a jersey headband and plastic camellias.

The philosophy at Chanel is anything goes — black and navy, and sequined jackets over walking shorts. "You can do anything you want depending on your confidence," Mauro said.

The Chanel show opened with a collection of cropped cotton tweed jackets, and high - wasted corsetted wool crepe skirt with high a front slit.

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Gowns need long lead time

Even though June brides have just weeks to go before they walk down the aisle, Maria Arrigo, vice-president of Alan Cherry Bridal, is already doing fittings for weddings taking place in fall '95 and spring '96.

"If brides want their dresses to be perfect, they should order them at least six months in advance," Arrigo said "Our dresses come from all over the world and much of the detailing on them – the beading, lace and embroidery – is done by hand and is very time consuming."

The intricate artistry of the dresses combined with the fact that shortages of materials, especially lace, can occur all add to the long lead time.

Once the dress finally arrives in Toronto, there is still more work to be done. "Sleeves, waistlines and necklines often need to be altered, which can also take a lot of time," said Arrigo. "Planning ahead also saves on rush changes."

In most cases, wedding dresses are altered by the bridal salon. Alan Cherry Bridal has a team of professional seamstresses that ensure the dress fits perfectly. Having a long lead time also leaves lots of time for the finishing touches – veils, headpieces, shoes and jewelry.

This white silk shantung, short cap with silk roses, beaded alencon lace bodice, basque waistline with asymmetrical back overskirt is one of Alan Cherry Bridal's latest gowns.

While wedding dresses don't follow traditional fashion trends, Arrigo has seen major shifts in style. "The '80s was the 'Oh my G-d' dress – big and beaded," Arrigo said. "The early '90s shifted to the 'Wow!' dress. Today, brides are buying the 'me' dress – sophisticated, elegant dresses that focus on the bride."

Alan Cherry Bridal, located in Hazelton Lanes on Avenue Road in Toronto, features a large selection of merchandise from New York, Paris, Italy, London and Spain. The store carries all wedding accessories, including veils, headpieces, shoes and jewelry. Wedding gowns are also available in plus sizes and petites.

Mom's dresses inspired designer

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Sunny Choi was one of Canada's top fashion illustrators when she decided to make a career change and go from drawing to designing clothes 12 years ago.

Today Choi is one of the best-known Canadian designers. She told *The CJN* recently that becoming a clothing designer was a natural evolution for her.

"I felt that painting could wait, but there was only a certain age when I could become a clothing designer," she says.

Growing up in Korea, Choi made her own clothes, but says her love of fashion came from her mother, who as the wife of an ambassador required an extensive wardrobe. "I still remember every outfit my mother wore. Those dresses inspired me."

Choi began her new career designing costumes for the National Ballet of Canada and couture pieces for Fidani, a Yorkville boutique.

She made beautiful clothing but she did not know anything about marketing, she said. "I completely bombed in business. I used up all my money ... but Jack Atkin rescued me."

Atkin, a successful clothing manufacturer who had worked with Marc Jacobs and Wayne Clarke, became Choi's business partner six years ago.

"He loved the collection," she said. "He knew I was a mess in business. He said, 'I'll take care of the business and you design.' "

Choi said her clothing is designed to flatter the women who wear them. She works to create pieces that are stylish, elegant, with clean simple lines and a lot of attention paid to detail and finishing. She even designs her own buttons.

Prices range from $225 to $550 for dresses and $450 to $650 for suits in Canada. In the United States, Choi sells evening wear — suits retail from $800 to $1,000 (US) — to upscale retailers like Bergdorf Goodman, Nordstroms and Nieman-Marcus.

Choi and Atkin set up 11 "fashion houses" across Canada to sell directly to the public at reduced prices. Visits are by appointment only.

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Summer Fashion

Signature scents launched

By CAROL WISE
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There wasn't a detail left undone and the atmosphere filled with wafts of the most tantalizing scent, very much like vanilla.

French bad boy couturier Jean Paul Gaultier's first signature fragrance was recently launched with great fanfare at all 12 Holt Renfrew stores in Canada.

The brilliant and non-conformist fashion designer has shown his provocative collections since 1976. He is most renowned for designing Madonna's bullet-cone bra and for putting men in skirts.

The perfume includes vanilla to satisfy his earlier desire to become a pastry chef. "I wanted to create a scent that makes you want to eat the person in front of you," he said.

Perfume bottle a work of art

The bottle itself is a work of art. The curvaceous glass woman is reminiscent of the zaftig statues found in ancient tombs. "What woman doesn't have a tummy?," Gaultier asks. The bottle is packaged in a shiny can.

Gaultier sees the women that wear his scent as young, very young, not so young, blond, brunette, auburn. "Let's just say this woman is every woman," he says.

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Beauty SHOP

By CAROL WISE

It is not just a coincidence that we are more health and beauty conscious through the summer months. It is a fact.

As those shorts and T-shirts come out of the closet you realize that extra five pounds has to go.

Wake up 30 minutes earlier and have a brisk walk and maybe do 50 sit ups. Be sure to get your heart rate up to increase your circulation and strengthen your heart and respiratory muscles. Aerobic exercise should be done for a minimum of 20 minutes to help burn fat, according to the "Wellness Doctor," Dr. Jim Meschino. Work your muscles to tone and increase strength.

A low-fat diet will also help you achieve your goal. Eat lots of fruit and vegetables and remember being healthy and fit is a lot more rewarding than any double-chocolate cream pie. Try supplementing your diet with a good multiple vitamin. Your body will function better when you feed it properly, like putting gas in your car. "I'll take supreme please."

It is equally important to protect your skin from harmful rays of the sun with a number 15 SPF. I know a suntan looks and feels great, but try a tan in a bottle — they are sexy, safe and everyone is using them.

With the increased humidity in the air your skin is less likely to be dehydrated, so it is best to use a lightly formulated moisturizer. Your heavy winter creams might cause unwanted blemishes. The warm temperatures can also clog pores, so it is imperative to cleanse your skin thoroughly, and follow with a skin refresher to suit your skin type. This regimen should be done morning and night. Never go to sleep with your makeup on!

Makeup this summer will be fresh and colorful. For the first time this decade, we are taking a step away from the doldrums of brown, brown and more brown. And remember: less is definitely more through the summer months. There is nothing more unattractive than gaudy makeup on a hot summer day.

Summertime is a time for fun and relaxation. Below is a list of new products and helpful tips to help you look great and enjoy the summer months.

SKIN

ULTIMA II has developed a new foundation, Wonderware, and the wonderful news is that it stays on for about 18 hours, has a SPF 6 and is waterproof. So if you are tempted to dive into that refreshing swimming pool, go for it.

DERMA BLEND, one of the best camouflage products on the market, is launching their new lighter textured foundation early this summer. Packaged in an easy to carry compact, this gorgeous cream contains a full sun block, is waterproof and will give you great coverage while still looking fresh and natural.

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VITAMINS

Where are vitamins and minerals most beneficial, taken internally or applied externally? I say, do both. For a daily multivitamin, Nu-Life seems to be one of the better ones on the market.

FITNESS

It's the '90s and a sedentary lifestyle is simply not an option. "Health and wellness depend greatly on fitness. Exercise is not just to get your body in shape, it is to feel better, relieve stress and often will prevent illness," says Dr. Meschino.

HAIR

Regularly condition your hair, as the sun can cause it to look dry and frizzy. If your hair is colored, try to protect it with a hat. Hair designer Daniel Fiorio says "the spotlight is on shine to emphasize hair shape and cut. Shapes are clean, polished and simple, but not simplistic, with a nod to the glamor girls of the '30s, '40s and '50s."

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Summer Fashion

Salon pampers its clients

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to the CJN

With a brushstroke and a powder puff, Featuring ...You Spa and Salon transforms one more beautiful bride for her wedding day. The full service salon recently celebrated 10 years of the best in beauty care, always using the most current products and techniques.

Mary Orlando, manager and owner said the salon is now introducing more body and skin care treatments to meet customer demand.

"More and more clients were asking for massage and body treatments," she said. The salon has two estheticians to offer aromatherapy sessions in full body, foot and hand treatments. One can also indulge in a private, relaxing, shiatsu or Swedish massage. The salon serves men and women.

Hard-working hands can be pampered with a manicure. There is an extensive selection of types to choose from, including paraffin manicures, heated mitt manicures and new Nailtiques manicures. Created in Florida, this therapeutic nailcare treatment is customized to each person's needs.

With the abundance of glycolic creams and treatments currently available, Orlando used her own face to experiment with to find the best product.

"My face went through hell," she said, adding some products did nothing and some burned her. Recently the salon introduced the glycolic line of Murad products which, unlike other glycolic creams, does not disrupt one's regular skincare regime.

The menu of beauty treatments available is extensive. It includes sunless tanning treatments, ear-piercing, electrolysis and a beauty checkup that assesses a client's cosmetics for unnecessary or undesirable products. Waxing is followed by an application of soothing tea tree oil, a soothing lotion which minimizes the redness after waxing.

Cellulite treatments and pedicure and leg treatments stimulate circulation and can be done simultaneously.

"Eveyone's so stressed out lately," Orlando said. "We're trying to incorporate more services in less time."

All tools are sterilized before, during and after treatment.

Featuring...You Spa and Salon does hair and makeup packages for the entire bridal party. Last year the spa did 183 bridal parties in nine months. Makeup for the bride today, Orlando said, is "a much more relaxed look" with natural colors. Each bride begins creating her look with a half-hour complimentary consultation for her hair and makeup, and the makeup colors chosen are charted for future reference. On the wedding day, the bridal party can come to the salon to be made up, or be made up on location.

New to the salon is hairdresser Louis Zeppieri, who brings with him 18 years of experience in hairstyling. He creates lovely brides, with a soft look or one that uses a lot of ringlets and barrel curls on top – a very high elegant look. Hair and dress should co-ordinate to achieve the desired look, whether it's romantic or traditional.

Located at 1106 Eglinton Ave. W, Featuring...You Spa and Salon can be reached at 416-783-7793.

Mud, minerals rejuvenate

Melanie La Rue may represent the youth component of Oris Dead Sea Products of Canada, but the 22-year-old Montrealer is the first to admit Natural Sea Beauty products hold no age barrier.

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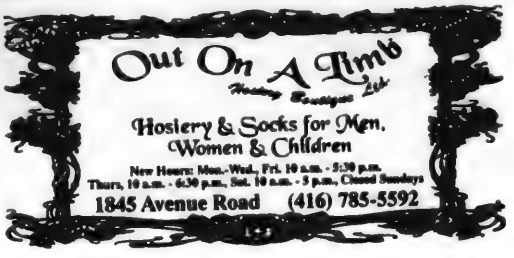
The Natural Sea Beauty line is the brainchild of Oris Israel chief biochemist Uri Reiss. The products were developed in a kosher laboratory using selected ingredients. Products are not tested on animals, nor do they contain animal fats.

The Dead Sea minerals found in Natural Sea products help in restoring and protecting the skin.

Dead Sea mud masks, called "the perfect natural treatment for acne," pull impurities from deep below the skin surface and gently exfoliate.

Natural Sea products are available at department stores and pharmacies across Canada, including The Bay, Holt Renfrew, Jean Coutu pharmacies and some Save on Foods stores in British Columbia.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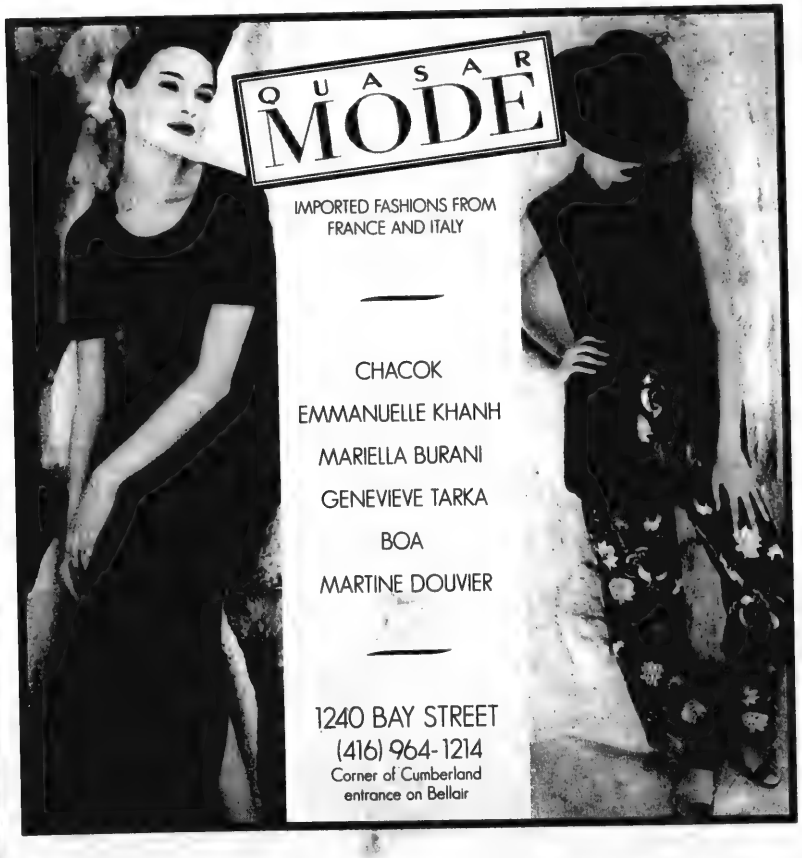

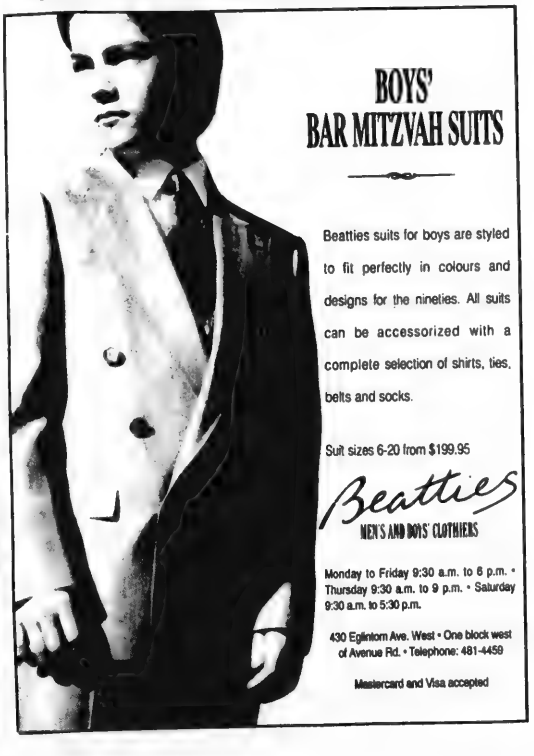
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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

YIVO's Travels: YIVO head librarian Zachary Baker, who is giving several public lectures in Toronto later this month, has told Travel Talk that the well known Manhattan-based institute for Yiddish culture, which was established in Vilna in 1925, is currently operating out of a temporary location, as it prepares to move into its new headquarters at 15 W. 16th St. in about two years.

When it makes the move, YIVO will be sharing space within the new facility with three other noteworthy research institutes — the American Jewish Historical Society, the Leo Baeck Institute, and the Yeshiva University Museum. For many Canadian researchers who go to New York, this will be a "one-stop shop" for a wide variety of Jewish studies.

About five years ago, some of the archival material that YIVO lost to the Nazis, which was presumed to have been destroyed, resurfaced in the Lithuanian State Book Chamber, part of the Lithuanian National Library. After lengthy and difficult negotiations, Lithuanian officials allowed YIVO to borrow, copy and return the material, which consists of about 75 large archival boxes of YIVO institutional files, sheet music, photographs and other items of Lithuanian-Jewish provenance.

"We received about one-third to one-half of the boxes that were identified as YIVO property in February of this year, and this summer we expect to receive the remainder," said Baker.

Is Yiddish on the rebound? When asked this question, Baker acknowledged that Yiddish reading groups and classes have sprung up in a host of cities across North America, and that there is even a Yiddish discussion group called Mendele on the Internet.

"But the overall pool of speakers of the language has declined to a minimal point," he said. "The one area where you do see an increase of Yiddish speakers these days in in the chassidic sector, but the Chassidim of various sects have little to do with the Yiddish culture — literature, music, theatre, that sort of thing — that was built by our grandparents' generation."

Baker is scheduled to speak in Yiddish to the Yidishe Kultur Geselshaft at the Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., on Sunday May 28, 8 p.m. Admission is $3. He is also scheduled to speak in English at a meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Monday May 29, 8 p.m. Admission is free.

While in town, he hopes to visit the Yiddish Panorama exhibit at the Robarts Library, U of T, which is on view until the end of May.

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Mission to Israel and Jordan: Bar-Ilan University, which marks its 40th anniversary this year, is offering a VIP Tour of Israel and Jordan, June 6 to 15. Participants are scheduled to meet with leaders in both countries, learn more about the work of Bar-Ilan scientists and scholars, explore biblical sites on both sides of the river Jordan, and travel widely across Israel.

For more information, contact your local Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan office — Jonathan Schneiderman at 514-731-7893 in Montreal, or Miriam Steinhouse at 905-660-3563 in Toronto. Exclusive Mission travel agent is David Freudmann of UniWorld Travel and Tours. Phone 416-493-3322 in Toronto or toll free 800-268-3159.

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Guides to the perplexed

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Summer, the most popular vacation season, is almost upon us. So if you're planning a trip abroad, you'd be wise to consult reputable guidebooks.

Here are several of the latest, which are bound to save you time and money:

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$769,000. Fab. renovated bungalow w/main floor fam. rm. + study, bright, airy, up to the minute. Cheryl Graff*.

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THE SPRING MARKET AND YOUR HOME

By Paul F. Slavens
Manager-Broker, Paul Slavens Real Estate

This is the first in a series of columns by Paul F. Slavens, who has led the real estate company bearing his name for the last 26 years. He and his agents will be sharing their views with readers in the months to come.

Just like the flowers in gardens, For Sale signs are springing up all across Central and North Toronto. Some homes will move quickly and the owner will proudly show off the "Sold" sign in the front lawn. Owners are very proud of this sign, because it means that the goal of a lifestyle change or moving to another home will be achieved.

But what can one say of those properties that sit there month after month? The For Sale sign forlornly stares out on the front lawn, as though there is something wrong with the house. After 26 years in the real estate business, I can offer one insight about those signs and that is: it isn't always the fault of the property.

The RIGHT BROKER can — and does — make a difference. All brokers are not the same. The reason Paul Slavens Real Estate Limited has succeeded in delivering results in rising and falling markets comes down to one key point. We are owner-managed and operated and are dedicated to building an organization with key agents that are committed to us. Quite simply, we attract the BEST AGENTS. In addition, many younger sales representatives are choosing to make their careers at PAUL SLAVENS. That means the broadest mix of buyers can be tapped to look at your property, from established agents to those in touch with the "thirtysomething" market that is powering real estate sales in our marketplace.

In addition, my role is as MANAGER-BROKER and I do not compete against my representatives. Instead, my sole function is to lend my abilities, experience and prestige to help our agents negotiate a satisfactory sale. I am proud to state that I do not sell real estate directly: I help close deals. And making deals are what this business is all about.

Perhaps this spring, you are contemplating selling your home. You've heard some talk about the market, and it's been some time since you've had an updated opinion of the value of your property.

Here are several points to consider when selecting a BROKER: all of them are reasons you should call PAUL SLAVENS first.

Longevity: is there a proven track record behind the Real Estate Broker you are considering? How many years has the agency been in business? How many properties have they sold?

Owner/Manager: does the principal Broker sell, in competition with his own agents? Is there someone who can provide objective impartial analysis concerning your transaction?

Agents: are there experienced agents in the office? How long have they been with the company? The longer they stay with the company, the greater likelihood that they are successful producers.

Advice: have you been given a thorough look at your property, with insights on all of the many small items that make it sell quicker, and for a better price?

Price: is the price set realistic and are you knowledgeable about comparable sales in your area, determining whether your home is comparable or not to these other properties?

Mortgage financing: can your broker make the sale of your present property more attractive? and provide you with sources of funds for your next transaction?

If the answers to the above are not all in the affirmative, then you haven't talked to Paul Slavens. If you call Paul Slavens Real Estate and mention this column, a qualified representative will give you a free, no-cost, no-obligation property marketing evaluation.

In other news, we are pleased that RON BAKER, a specialist in Central and North Toronto real estate, has joined us as a Sales Representative after successfully marketing real estate in this city, for over 17 years.

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In future columns, we will discuss marketing strategies for properties and will introduce you to some of our top-producing real estate professionals who have contributed so greatly to our success over the years.

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Mn flr fam + powder rm Patti Pollock* 226-1967

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BATHURST/CENTRE — LARGE LOT — $195!
3 br, kit walkout, cac! Hedda Zalonz* 226-1967

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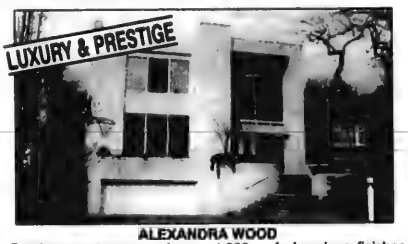

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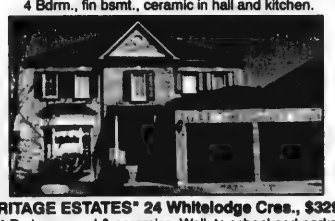

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Tarjan, Denes on May 2, 1995, late of 20 Shalimar Blvd.
Shimkofsky, David on May 1, 1995, late of 1085 Steeles Ave. W. #408
Pinto, Flora on May 1, 1995, late of Lincoln Place Nursing Home
Derl, Elmer on May 2, 1995, late of 2500 Bathurst St. #306
Fisher, Sidney on May 2, 1995, late of 20 Shalimar Blvd. #404
Kryst, Mary on May 2, 1995, late of 10 Tangreen Crt. #505
Hartman, Magdalena on April 27, 1995
Wiskin, Yetta on April 27, 1995, late of 6030 Bathurst St.
Grotell, Shirley on April 28, 1995, late of 215 Blake Ave.
Schwartz, Rebecca on April 27, 1995
Szabados, Sandor on April 28, 1995, late of 28 Danby Ave.
Yelin, Mary on April 29, 1995, late of 175 Cummer Ave.

Steeles Memorial Chapel

330 OBITUARIES

Fliss, Isaak on May 2, 1995, late of 6101 Bathurst St. #601
Brass, Rose on May 2, 1995, late of 666 Roselawn Ave. #315
Rosenfeld, Rose on May 4, 1995
Szusz, Eve (Ella) on May 5, 1995, late of 2900 Bathurst St. #1107
Carl, David on May 6, 1995, late of 115 Antibes Dr. #906
Pollak, Kalman on May 4, 1995
Swadron, Irving on May 6, 1995, late of 59 Neptune Dr.
Gottlieb, Sally on May 5, 1995
Stoyenko, Irina on May 6, 1995, late of 261 Moore Park Ave.
Collin, Jerry (Jack) on May 8, 1995, late of 3303 Don Mills Rd. #1201
Belser, Ernestine Stella on May 8, 1995
Holder, Myer on May 8, 1995

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335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late **Henlek Max Zajac** will take place Sunday, May 21, 1995 at 11:30 a.m. at **Mount Sinai Cemetery** (Independent Workers' Circle)

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late **Ida Seigel** will take place **Sunday, May 28, 1995 at 10:15 a.m.** at Dawes Road Cemetery, Toronto Hebrew Benevolent Section.

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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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Pardes Sholom Cemetery
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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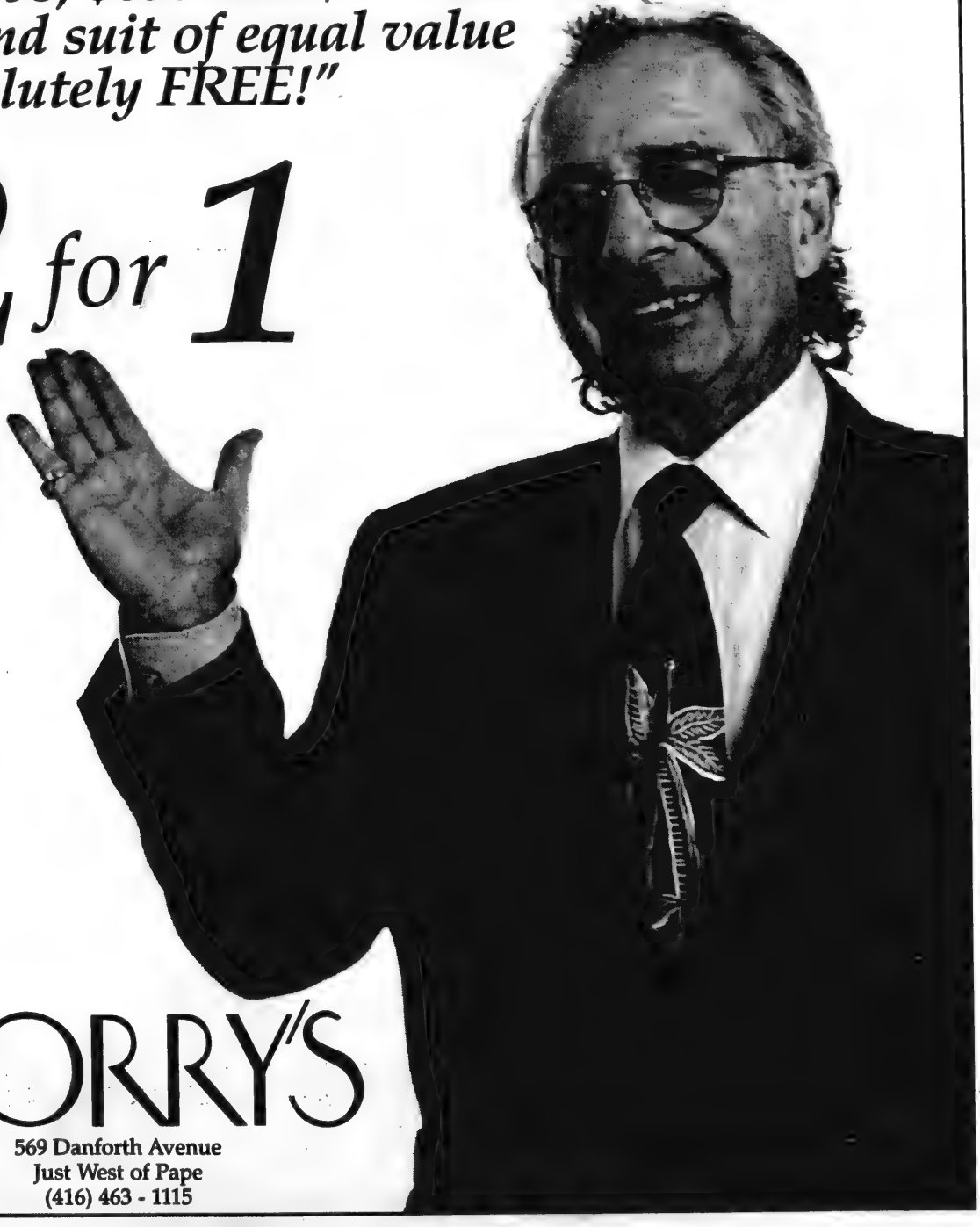

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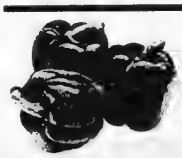

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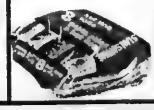

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Hershon promises election reforms

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Newly elected Canadian Jewish Congress president Goldie Hershon promised to immediately form a task force to review and make recommendations to improve the organization's election procedures.

She called for a "time of healing" after the plenary, which left many delegates frustrated.

With 847 votes cast, Thomas Hecht lost to Hershon by just 16 votes, confirmed after a recount, although those results – established at about 4 a.m. – were never announced to delegates.

Hershon, who was chief returning officer for the federal Mount Royal riding and is familiar with electioneering, said Congress staff could simply not cope with the 300 to 400 people who came to register on the plenary's first day. The situation was exacerbated by a computer breakdown at one point.

Stories of people waiting up to six hours were rife, and prominent personality Sen. Leo Kolber (a Hecht supporter) never got to vote.

Any chartered Jewish group may send one delegate for every 250 members up to a maximum of four per region, plus one national representative, when applicable.

However, these rules become arguable in such cases as synagogues whose membership may be counted by families or individuals or in the case of the Canadian Zionist Federation, which has both at large and constituent memberships.

Hecht, however, saw himself as a victim of the process, hinting that Congress "insiders" deliberately obstructed some of his supporters. "I wanted to open Congress to all segments of Jewish life in Canada and thus bring about change, but Congress insiders opted for the status quo."

He insisted that busing in supporters from Toronto, many of them young people, and paying their

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Goldie Hershon accepts the national presidency of Canadian Jewish Congress with her husband and campaign manager Sheldon by her side. They are holding, respectively, grandchildren Joshua and Ilana. *[Howard Kay photo]*

IRB reconsiders Law of Return

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) has squarely contradicted a decision last November that denied refugee status to a claimant from Azerbaijan on the grounds that as a Jew, she could go live in Israel.

In a May 2 written ruling, an IRB panel here granted refugee status to a Russian Jewish woman and at the same time, said Israel's 1950 Law of Return does not necessarily extend Israeli protection to all Jews.

An appeal of the November ruling will likely be heard by the Federal Court of Canada later this year.

Immigration lawyers and Jewish community officials are encouraged by the latest decision, which they say more accurately interprets the Law of Return as not automatically conferring Israeli citizenship on every Jew in the world.

IRB members Zulie Sachedina and John Hilborn granted refugee status to a 32-year-old claimant who pleaded that violent anti-Semitic attacks against her and her son in Russia made life unbearable.

Because the claimant is Jewish, the panel explored the Law of Return, which guarantees immediate Israeli citizenship to anyone Jew who moves to Israel and can prove one Jewish grandparent.

But it said the law "makes it clear that a desire to settle in Israel is a condition precedent to obtaining Israeli citizenship, and without that desire, Israel would not recognize a Jew as its citizen."

Israeli law, the panel wrote, not only requires expressed desire to settle there, "but also requires demonstration of such desire by actual immigration."

The panel pointed out that the woman and her family have no immediate relatives in Israel and no desire to live there. "The only connection they have with Israel is that they are Jews. We do not find that fact by itself is enough to make one an Israeli citizen."

Further, it added: "We do not find that all Jews have the connection with the State of Israel to make them nationals of Israel."

The woman's lawyer, Benjamin Kranc, told *The CJN* the decision recognizes that not all Jews want to or should live in Israel.

Kranc said the ruling will be "helpful" in the appeal of the earlier IRB decision, but the court will not be bound by it.

Last November's ruling angered many Jewish immigration officials for what they saw as a perverse twist to Canada's wartime "none is too many" policy of restricted immigration for Jews.

It said the applicant "can, as a right, obtain Israeli citizenship by a mere formality of application" because since she is a Jew, Israel is one of her countries of nationality.

For many, the earlier decision raised the question of whether Jews claiming persecution could make refugee claims in Canada at all.

JOYFUL REUNION

Yula Yegiskaya, 14, embraces her mother Raisa at Ben-Gurion Airport. Yula, from Belarus, was evacuated to Israel by Chabad 2½ years ago along with other Children of Chernobyl. Her mother finally joined her in Israel on April 26. *[Chabad]*

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Farber Man of Year

TORONTO — The Jewish Chautauqua Society this month honored Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress as its Interfaith Person of the Year.

The society, part of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods, paid tribute to Farber, national director of community relations for Congress, in recognition of his years of service to the community.

Secular Jewish Parley

TORONTO — Five secular Jewish leaders from Canada will present workshops at the 25th annual Conference of the Congress of Secular Jewish Organizations, May 26-28 at Concordia College in River Forest, Ill.

Expected from the Toronto-based Secular Jewish Association (SJA) are: SJA co-founder Jerald Bain; teen Michelle Monk; Yiddishist Gerry Kane; and certified leader Eva Goldfinger.

Soli Jackson of the Vancouver Peretz School will also present a session.

Also expected to attend are representatives from Toronto's Winchevsky School, Vancouver's Secular Jewish Network and Winnipeg's United Jewish People's Order Branch 16.

Book Wins Prize

VANCOUVER — Lillian Boraks-Nemetz, a child survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto, has been awarded the prestigious B.C. Book Prize for best children's book for her 1994 novel *The Old Brown Suitcase*.

In her acceptance speech at the awards gala this month, Boraks-Nemetz thanked her heroine, Slava, a 14-year-old hidden child who evades capture by the Nazis and makes her way to Canada.

The prize carried an award of $2,000.

ISRAEL

IDF Soldier Killed

JERUSALEM — An Israeli soldier was killed and three others wounded, one of them seriously, during fierce exchanges with gunmen in south Lebanon last Wednesday.

Staff Sgt. Amir Kara, 20, died from a direct hit by mortar rounds on an IDF outpost at Tel Dabsha in the eastern sector of the security zone. He is the fourth IDF soldier to be killed in action in south Lebanon this year.

More Chechens Arrive

TEL AVIV — A group of 52 refugees from war-torn Chechnya arrived here last week on a special flight organized by the Jewish Agency and funded by the Joint Israel Appeal of Great Britain.

The group included 19 children and several people injured in fighting with Russian forces.

The arrival brought to 103 the number of Chechen Jews who have been brought to Israel.

The Jewish Agency estimates there are still about 50 Jews left in the Chechen capital of Grozny.

Jerusalem Prize

JERUSALEM — The World Zionist Organization's Department for Torah Education and Culture in the Diaspora is to award its Jerusalem Prize for Excellence in Jewish Education May 28.

Recipients will include Rabbi Moshe Rahimi, a shaliach who has returned to Israel from Toronto's Ulpanat Orot Girls' School.

Also to receive the award is Rabbi Jonathan Saks, Chief Rabbi of Great Britain.

Baram Quits Post

JERUSALEM — Tourism and Interior Minister Uzi Baram last week informed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin he is resigning the Interior post for personal reasons.

Baram, who took over the ministry three months ago, told Rabin he could not devote enough time to both ministries.

Kosher Big Macs

JERUSALEM — Hold the cheese on that Big Mac: McDonald's Israel last Tuesday announced plans to open the chain's first three kosher restaurants.

The outlets, in Rehovot, the Jerusalem suburb of Mevasseret Zion and Ra'anana, are expected to open before the end of this year.

No dairy products will be served and the restaurants will be closed on Shabbat. The menu will include a Big Mac without cheese.

There are currently 10 McDonald's restaurants in Israel.

The company's chief rival, Burger King, already operates three kosher outlets.

WORLD

Albania Honored

TIRANA, Albania — Israel paid tribute earlier this month to Albania, where not a single Jew fell into Nazi hands during 13 months of German occupation during World War II.

Four Albanian families who hid and saved Jewish families during the war received Israel's Righteous Among the Nations award at a moving ceremony here presided over by Miriam Ziv, an official at Israel's embassy in Rome.

Ziv said Albanians rescued roughly 300 Jews during the Nazi occupation.

Nazi's Trial Starts

BERLIN — The trial of a key leader of the neo-Nazi movement in Germany began here last week under heavy security.

Arnulf Priem, 47, is charged with 15 offences, including illegal possession of arms and ammunition and possession of illegal symbols.

Holocaust Museum Here?

MOSCOW — Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin told a high-level American Jewish delegation here last week that President Boris Yeltsin is committed to building a Holocaust museum in the Russian capital.

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CJC may seek new funding methods

Possible confrontation with federations seen

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly set itself on a possible course of confrontation with the federation funding-structures last week by resolving to seek ways to raise its own funds in light of decreasing dollars coming from CJF Canada.

The plenary decided — with little opposition — that Congress would "investigate alternative and/or additional means of financial support for the organization, including, but not limited to, an internal fundraising mechanism, to enable the organization to properly carry out its mandate well into the 21st century."

While the controversial resolution said the new means of financial support should not conflict with local campaigns, it underscored rising discontent within Congress that decreased funding is beginning to turn it into a shell of its previous self.

"This is threatening the very existence of Congress," said former Quebec regional chair Manuel Shacter.

"Fundraising [for Congress] was ceded to the federations, but those funds were raised in trust," he said.

"They don't belong to the federation. They belong to each of us."

Shacter likened the situation to "making a horse do without oats. But then the horse dies."

Shacter's comments were echoed in a treasurer's report issued by Stanley Abbey.

The report shows that between 1992 and 1995, Congress' national funding dropped from $3.56 million to $3.19 million.

"This has put tremendous pressure on our staff and has been the cause of certain programs being eliminated or severely curtailed," Abbey said.

"If this trend is to continue for the coming budget year, your new administration and staff across the country will not be able to function at levels in keeping with the achievement level for which Congress is known," he said.

Former president Irving Abella termed the decline in funding a "dreadful situation" in terms of Congress' ability to carry on its advocacy work.

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The plenary passed a total of 17 resolutions, rejected three, and tabled one under nine general headings at an early-morning session that got off to a late start due to a delay in mustering a quorum of 60.

Time constraints forced the plenary to put 10 other resolutions on hold until Congress' next national council meeting.

Among the resolutions carried by the assembly included those to have: the Canadian government recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital; to "deal sternly with" Iran's ties to international terrorism; and to break off diplomatic relations with any country involved in international terrorism.

Shirley Solomon leads a discussion on anti-semitism in one of the many plenary sessions. [Howard Kay Photo]

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Adv. Adv.

Bronfman says community must 're-examine priorities'

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — With anti-Semitism "almost dying out" in North America the Jewish community should allocate more of the funds it raises to Jewish education to counter the attraction of assimilation, World Jewish Congress (WJC) president Edgar Bronfman told the recent Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly.

He advised the community to "re-examine its priorities" in how it spends its money in order that every Jewish child, who wants one, receives a Jewish education and a trip to Israel during high school. "Our biggest enemy is apathy, not a lack of money," he said.

Surveys of young Jewish leaders have demonstrated that it is a Jewish education and time in Israel that hooked them on being active community members, he said.

In the United States, he suggested that a great deal of "overhead" could be saved if the Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Committee and American Jewish Congress were merged.

He argued that North American Jews are living in "the best of times, the worst of times."

'Done too good a job'

The community, he said, has "done too good a job" of eliminating anti-Semitic discrimination in such areas as employment and admission to clubs.

The fact that a recent poll found that 70 per cent of white Americans would consider a Jew an acceptable marriage partner shows that most Americans are "not anti-Semitic at all," he said.

This comfort has lulled many Jews into complacency, he said.

Bronfman, who has been WJC president since 1980, described what he is proposing as a "renaissance of the Jewish spirit," based on a knowledge of Judaism. He said he himself is now studying the Torah.

"I believe people have the right to choose. The problem is many Jews don't know what it is they are abandoning. If they learn about Torah and Judaism and then decide it is not for them, then I have no problem."

Bronfman said he is troubled by the current catch-phrase Jewish continuity because it lacks a sense of getting back a sense of pride in Judaism, which he termed "a marvellous product to sell.

"I'm worried that if we keeping doing what we're doing, we won't have much of a Diaspora in a couple of generations."

Beilin wants teens in Israel

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Yossi Beilin, Israel's controversial deputy foreign minister, continued his push for the peace process and for a redefined relationship between Israel and the Diaspora at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly.

Beilin said Jewish organizations — including the Canadian and World Jewish congresses and federations — have meant well, but have been paying "lip service" to the Jewish continuity cause with talk and no action.

Beilin wants to raise $300 million a year on a plan he came up with two years ago to furnish "vouchers" to be exchanged by all Diaspora Jewish teens aged 17 and up for visits to Israel.

This would be part of an "education" process Beilin considers essential to lower the odds of assimilation and to commit young Jews to their heritage.

Beilin has come under a storm of criticism in the Diaspora and Israel for being quoted as saying that Israel no longer needs Diasporan support.

But Beilin said those comments referred only to Israel no longer needing Diaspora funds earmarked

Yossi Beilin

for its "welfare system."

"I prefer that Israel pays for its own welfare system," he told the plenary, "instead of being paid for by world Jewry and not having young people go to Israel."

Beilin said Diaspora money should go towards local community concerns, absorbing Israeli immigrants and his "concrete" continuity "action plan" using the voucher-based trips, called Beit Israel.

Beilin said with the Jewish fight for equality won and Israel no longer under siege, Jews are no longer the beleaguered people who can use the threat of extinction to keep them together and identifying.

"If Herzl was born today, he never would have dreamt the Zionist dream. His fight was to be equal," Beilin said.

At an earlier and more heated session, Beilin staunchly defended the peace process despite a few catcalls and jeers, especially from two Jewish Defence League members.

Israel, he vowed, will not retreat to the "isolationism of a whole generation."

Israeli society has "normalized" and its economy and interntional ties are stronger than ever, he said.

"We are in a process of revolutionary change. The process is totally irreversible," Beilin said.

Beilin also angrily rejected charges that his party was prepared to sacrifice Jerusalem for a peace deal.

The issue will be "the most difficult part" of negotiations, he said, "but it is the most important common denominator all of us have."

Beilin, answering a question from an Egyptian reporter, also said that the ultimate hope for building the Palestinian economy lies "from within" and through launching joint projects with Israel.

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BBW honors Feld Carr

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Syrian Jewry activist Judy Feld Carr received the 1995 B'nai Brith Women (BBW) National Achievement Award at the organization's recent convention.

Feld Carr was recognized for more than two decades of work on behalf of Syria's Jews, about 2,000 of whom she personally helped rescue.

In presenting the award at the convention's closing luncheon, BBW Achievement Award chair Gloria Clamen called Feld Carr "one of the rare individuals for whom a call to conscience translated a commitment to our heritage into her own personal commitment.

"Who would have dreamed," Clamen asked "that the simple act of reading a story in the Israeli news of 12 young Jewish Syrian boys who were killed by land mines while trying to escape from Syria would precipitate a chain of events that 24 years later would result in the miracle of pidyon shvuyim, the ransom of the captives of Syria?

"In 1948, Jews in Syria numbered 15,000; in 1992, 4,000. Today there are fewer than 150. The rescue is all but finished."

From left: Arlene Fagan, past national president BBW/C; Mitzi Dickstein, national president; Judy Feld Carr; Gloria Clamen, achievement award chair; Penny Krowitz, national executive director.

In accepting a $1,000 donation in her honor to the BBW/Canada group home in Beit V'gan, Israel, as well as a watercolor by artist Maxine Blendis, Feld Carr said her rescue mission "exemplifies the aim of BBW — one person can make a difference."

"The Jews of Syria faded into oblivion. They were forgotten, but not in this community.

"By and large, our work has ended, and now there is a tinge of sorrow when we realize that it is the end of an era of our people in that country. This story must not be forgotten. We must remember that if women have the desire to contribute to the destiny of our people, it is within their hands and their hands alone."

The slate of BBW officers for 1995-97 includes president Mitzi Dickstein; president-elect Anna Lee Gould; vice-president, central area, Paula Mittleman; vice-president, eastern area, Zeldie Lester; vice-president, western area, Bette Singer.

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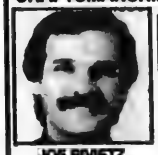
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CJN receptionist remembered

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jane Warren, *CJN* receptionist for the past two years, died suddenly last week (May 14). She was 58.

An emotional Gary Laforet, *CJN* general manager, described her as "a lovely, witty lady, who made the kind of contribution to our company that you just can't replace."

Warren had previously worked at the North York *Mirror* as assistant librarian. Laforet said that "her background in newspapers made her especially valuable in her work as receptionist here."

John Wilkinson, *Mirror* community editor, worked with her for nine years. "I used to stop by and get her jokes for the day," he said. "She always had a smile — she was well liked."

He said that professionally she was well organized and efficient. "If you needed something, she had it for you almost before you asked."

Daughter Andrea Goodison said Warren was "a wonderful Mom. She brought a ray of sunshine everywhere she went."

Besides her love of newspapers, she enjoyed doing crossword puzzles ("especially the really challenging ones"), baseball and her Toronto Blue Jays, and animals, having a large fox collection — pictures, figurines and stuffed toys.

She was very active in St. Timothy's Catholic Church, where she distributed communion, counted the collection and was involved in ShareLife Catholic charities and the Catholic Women's League.

Stunned *CJN* staff reminisced about her cheerfulness, her sense of humor and her interest in and concern for others.

Besides Goodison, Warren is survived by daughter Marianne Warren and sisters Barbara Purcell, Mary Sumner and Cathie Sabourin.

A funeral was held last Friday.

גידי קורן

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שקיעים קסמים

אחד הקטעים היותר מביכים של התוויה הישראלית מתוך לגבולות ישראל, היא הבושה על היידידה". בתוויות היום יום אין לזה אולי משמעות גדולה. יותר מזה : לכל ישראלי שחי כאן יש משפחה, חברים, חברים של חברים, וחברים, חברים של חברים ששמחים מאוד להתארח אצלו כשהם מבקרים באזור, וכמעט אף פעם לא מפריע להם שהוא "יורדי". מתי זה הופך לבושה? כשמישהוא , בדרך כלל בביקור בארץ, או בראיון עיתונאי שואל את שאלת השאלות : אז למה אתה שם? מתי תחזור? השבוע הזדמן לי לקרוא שני ראיונות עם שני ישראלים השוהים "בחוץ". שניהם מצאו צורך להתנצל ולהסביר כי כאן הם מגשימים יותר את ישראליותם, וכאן הם נחוצים יותר לעניין הישראלי. אחד מהם אפילו אמר שהוא מרגיש שבעצם אך פעם לא עזב. מה אני אגיד לכם - עצוב: למה לא להגיד את האמת? משהוא כמו :" אני כאן כי כך התגלגלו העניינים. אינני חושב שזו בגידה או עבירה, ואני לא צריך לתת לאף אחד דין וחשבון. אני אוהב את ישראל למרות שטוב לי כאן," בתשובות העקלקלות והלא אמיתיות שישראלים נותנים, יש משהו מאוד מגלגל עיניים ומתחסד, משהוא כמו "נחזור לארץ כשהילד בן הארבע יגמור את הקולג'". עד היום נותנים חונים דחיים מסויימים בגולה לכתוב בהזמנות לחתונה משהוא כמו : " התחונה תתקיים אם ירצה השם בירושלים, אך אם המשיח לא יבוא עדיין, התופה תתקיים ברחי סטילס מספר 2750". אותו גלגול עיניים ואותו שקר קטן. מספיק, חברים: אתם ילדים גדולים ולא עשיתם שום דבר שצריך לחתבייש בו! אם ישראל היא אכן מדינה דמוקרטית וחופשית - חשוב שידעו אנשיה לקבל את העבודה שיש תנועה חפשית של אנשים גם החוצה ולא רק פנימה.

עיניים להם ולא יראו

קבוצת מדענים מצאה לאחרונה את הגן שאחראי ליצירת העין בזבוב חפרי. מה עשו? שמו את הגן הזה בכל מיני אזורים ויצרו זבובים שיש להם עיניים על המשושים ועל הרגלים ועל... כן, גם שם! הסיפור המפחיד הזה מראה כמה חשוב יהיה בעתיד לשלוט בכך שהמדע יעשה רק את מה שבני האדם מאמינים שהוא אתי ומוסרי. בכל רשויות המחקר ומשרדי חבריאות ישבות כיום ועדות ושוברות את הראש איך להבטיח שפריצת הדרך המדהימה בהבנת חפעולה של הגוף לא תביא לתוצאות בלתי מוסריות (למשל: יצירת זכרים או נקבות על פי הזמנה, תיכנון ילדים עם צבע מסויים וכו.) מה שרואים היום רק בסרטי מדע בידיוני עלול להיות חמציאות של מחר. לא תמיד זה בהכרח רע. בטור הבא (אם תתנגנו יפה ותאכלו את כל המנה העיקרית) אספר לכם על דוגמא מדהימה , איך הידע חבדיוני עוזר לאנשים חולים מאוד. רק שישאר ביניכו.

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Sudbury community concerned about its future

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For about a century, the Jews of Sudbury have been able to maintain the critical mass and commitment necessary for community life and hope for the future.

Ranging in population from 100 families in its heyday in the 1940s and '50s to 22 families today, the community has built a synagogue, supported a B'nai Brith (BB) lodge and a Hadassah-WIZO chapter, and even provided for the education of its children.

But longtime community member Vivian Field is worried that the community's long and storied history is in danger — not from any external circumstance but from internal apathy.

"I'm concerned that Sudbury won't be a viable community in 15 years," she said on the telephone from her northern Ontario home. "Many young people don't have the commitment or connection to Judaism my father had. There's a lot of apathy.

"We have a lot of mixed religious couples; some participate, some are converts, some aren't. I think it's the numbers and the commitment that concerns me."

Field, who was born in Rouyn-Noranda and has lived in Sudbury for 35 years, believes the community has remained viable because of the commitment and activism of a core of "four or five people you can depend on."

Today, most of the current Jewish population is transient. Where once the community consisted of shopkeepers who passed their businesses to their children, today the Jewish community is made up of professionals who relocate when better job opportunities present themselves, Field said.

Nevertheless, the community does have a Jewish life, centred primarily on the synagogue, the Shaar Hashomayim. The congregation traces its roots back to 1919, though the present edifice was erected in 1960. Although the community no longer supports a rabbi (the last one left four or five years ago), a former city solicitor who lived in Sudbury for many years, Dennis Perlin, makes the trip from Toronto to daven during the High Holy Days, Field said.

Members of the Sudbury Jewish community are active in a variety of Jewish organizations. Seen here at a Hadassah-WIZO convention in Israel are (from left) Judy and Martin Zelikovitz, Judi and Saul Cartman and Vivian and Derald Field.

There's also a weekly kabbalat Shabbat and services for all the major holidays.

In a small community like Sudbury, one place of worship has to accommodate all tastes and the shul is home for those of Reform, Reconstructionist and more traditional streams of Judaism, she said.

About 10 children participate in afternoon Hebrew school under the supervision of Judi Cartman, assisted by some parents. "It used to be a lot more but you don't have a group of parents for whom Judaism is that important," Field said. "And the kids have more secular events than they did 25 years ago."

Sudbury maintains links to the wider Jewish community through a variety of means. In addition to its participation in Hadassah-WIZO (the chapter was established in 1929) and a BB lodge, the community participates in the annual United Israel Appeal. It is also linked to other small Ontario communities through Canadian Jewish Congress.

Under the auspices of the Congress small communities committee, Sudbury young people get together with their counterparts from North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Timmins and even Geraldton (west of Sudbury) for weekend retreats and programs.

Last year, two Sudbury teens travelled to Israel as part of the Pincus program, she added.

That's the sort of outside assistance the first Jewish pioneers in Sudbury could hardly have dreamt of. Field's grandfather came to the town in the 1880s and like many other immigrants, made his living as a peddler, visiting all the mining communities in the area.

Many of the early community consisted of Jews from Middle Europe and Romania, Field said. Two generations later, their grandchildren were attending universities in larger centres. Many never came back.

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Move forward together

Distracted by accusations of election foul play and by publicly-aired expressions of pique and of anger, the community may have missed the significance of the 24th Plenary Assembly of the Canadian Jewish Congress last week in Montreal.

Delegates met at a time when Congress is at a crossroads. Like every other community agency, it must adjust to diminished yields from federation fundraising campaigns and thus, to reduced national and regional budgets.

This adjustment may be painful however depending upon the extent to which funding is constrained. It will require assertive direction from president Goldie Hershon: a well-defined, articulated sense of Congress' mission, an unembellished understanding of the implications of further community fracture, and a clear eye to the changing shape of Canada's Jewish community.

But Hershon is a veteran: able, experienced and enthusiastic. It is imperative that Congress activists set aside any lingering election frustrations and disappointments to join in her enthusiasm and move forward together.

Speaker after plenary speaker attested to the number and to the complexity of the issues facing Canadian Jewry. Congress has an important role to play in stewarding the community through them. Whether that role must change to meet the changing times is the first order of business for the new administration.

To the leaders of Congress, we extend our best wishes. May God grant you the resolve and the wisdom to find the right answers.

Mark well her ramparts

Twenty eight years ago on the 28th day of Iyar, June 7, Jewish soldiers entered the walled City of Jerusalem through the Lions Gate. It was the beginning of the third day of what was to be called the Six Day War. The chief rabbi of Israel's defence forces was with the soldiers. A Torah scroll propped on his left shoulder bounced on his collarbone and brushed against his left cheek as he ran with them. They were pushed inexorably forward by a furious momentum that beat in their hearts and coursed through their veins like the relentless raging of a wild eastern wind sundering the Red Sea.

Jerusalem was reunited. It was the fulfilment of a dream for which the Jewish people had prayed for millennia.

Throughout the years, the very word Jerusalem has stirred memory, emotion, longing and awe. Our sages said that the city has 70 names. The name appears in the Bible 656 times; 83 different languages are spoken in its streets and in its homes by people from more than 100 different countries. At times a lament, at times a sigh, in the dark days of suffering even a whisper, Jerusalem has always been the centre of our hope. It was never merely a city. It was and is the pinpoint focus on which Jewish existence, memory, peoplehood and future converge.

Today, as ever, Jerusalem is much in the news. Quarrels and confrontation over subjects such as the expropriation of land, "final status," or the locations of embassies, constantly swirl around it. Though the city of peace, it is forever without rest.

The psalmist has advised us how to deal with these controversies. And it is advice we should recall and follow on this anniversary.

"Fair in situation, the joy of the whole earth; even Mount Zion, the uttermost parts of the north, the city of the great King. God in her palaces has made Himself known for a stronghold ... Walk about Zion, and go round about her; count her towers, mark well her ramparts, traverse her palaces, that you may tell it to the generations that will follow."

Ontario's leaders debated each other on TV.
They spoke much more politely than they do in the legislature.
A wise man hears one word but understands two.

Zaldy the Pundit

Dry Bones

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT A MAJOR RELIGIOUS LEADER IN AMERICA HAS FINALLY...
... PUBLICLY CALLED FOR ALIYA TO ISRAEL!
WOW!
AND THE BAD NEWS?
THE RELIGIOUS LEADER IS PAT ROBERTSON!

MP's comments on war criminals abhorrent

A copy of the following letter to Walt Lastewka, Liberal MP for St. Catharines, Ont., was sent to The CJN.

I have seen words attributed to you of the inhumanity of the Canadian government in rendering decisions of denaturalizing Nazi-war criminals. It strikes me as a rather odd comment by an MP, especially with the various ceremonies throughout Europe this month thanking Canadian soldiers, living and dead, who freed Europe.

Your comment on picking on old frail men is abhorrent. When the man in question, if guilty, performed these atrocities, where was his humanity? Locked in the cellar basement for six years?

Your comments on the necessity of a trial is quite valid, and since both the Ukrainian and German governments wish to prosecute him, we should expedite his departure so those governments can enforce a speedy trial before this is swept under some Canadian bureaucratic carpet, never to surface again.

Your comments fly into the face of the thousands of Canadians who laid down their lives and the millions slaughtered by the Nazi regime.

I find your comments disgraceful, as an MP, and perhaps you should consider another vocation, as you have slapped the faces of hundreds of thousands of Canadians who were in combat, or relatives of deceased soldiers. You have also slapped the faces of your own leader, and the leaders of the Allied powers, as Europe was decimated through this bloody conflict.

G. Trudell
Hamilton

General Wingate vets were there too

I wish to take exception to your article of the May 11 issue ("Political leaders take part in liberation ceremonies").

I am a member of the Canadian Legion No. 256 General Wingate Branch of Toronto. On Sunday, April 30, I and some comrades were part of an honor guard at the Yom Hashoah services, and marched to Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto with the Jewish War Veterans of Canada after the service.

No mention of us was made in your article, and I wish this to be corrected.

Jeff Ostroff
Toronto

"No Jews or Dogs" signs in Laurentians

Newspaper reports in recent days telling of anti-Israeli signs of the 1930s and '40s saying "No Jews or Dogs Allowed" remind me of when I was seven years old in 1937 while in the Montreal Hebrew Orphans Home. We were sent to summer camp in St. Margret, Que. Our camp was located next to the Domain D'Estrel property.

When we went on hikes we saw signs on the property: "No Jews or Dogs Allowed." At that time the property was privately owned by Baron D'Estrel. We returned there for three years. In 1939 we heard the RCMP had raided the baron and found a radio transmitter, which he used to signal Nazi U-boats, and large quantities of guns and ammunitions hidden in the walls. Today Jewish groups have conventions at the Domain D'Estrel.

Bernard Turovetz
Toronto

Disagrees with Rabbi Bulka on Poles

In his letter in the May 11 edition of *The CJN*, Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa presents a half-truth in his statement that " ... Poland ... the country so steeped in anti-Semitism that it eagerly cooperated with the Nazis in the cold-blooded murder of Jews."

Yes, Poland had a legacy of anti-Semitism, as did most of the nations of Europe. But no, Poland did not cooperate with the Nazis since there was no Poland either as an independent entity, or as a collaborator/ally of Germany. As for Poles, most were bystanders to the Holocaust, some profitted from it, and a relatively small number tried to rescue Jews. As Yisrael Gutman points out, Poles and Jews were unequal victims of the German occupation.

Regarding Rabbi Bulka's wish to bring the urn from Majdanek to Israel, Majdanek, according to *The Encyclopedia of the Holocaust*, was a killing ground for Jews as well as Soviet PoWs, Poles and other nationalities, unlike the other five extermination camps (Birkenau, Belzec, Treblinka, Sobibor, Chelmno), which were almost exclusively designated for Jews.

What is most disturbing about Rabbi Bulka's account is that he participated in the March of the Living, a trip for Jewish students to learn about the Holocaust. I would advise the organizers of this program to be more mindful in preparing both the chaperones and the students with respect to historical accuracy. The emotion of this experience must be balanced with facts.

Frank Bialystok
Toronto

Holocaust workshops are powerful

The North York Committee on Community, Race & Ethnic Relations has committed, for the past two years, to co-host two groups of young people from diverse community backgrounds at the Holocaust Memorial Centre. In memory of the 50th anniversary of liberation, our committee will broaden outreach and commit to bringing 300 individuals to the Holocaust Memorial Centre in 1995. We feel that this is one method of, not only remembering, but also sensitizing our communities in order to ensure that catastrophes like this do not continue.

I have found workshops with the survivors which I have attended to be so powerful that they left a real impact on everyone present. They not only leave those in attendance appalled by man's inhumanity to man they also inspire others by illustrating the courage of the survivors who have overcome even the most devastating obstacles.

Richard Gosling
Executive Director

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Perspectives

Yom Yerushalayim: 28 years ago

By MICHAEL A. ZIMMERMAN

Jerusalemites are just like other Israelis ... only more so.

Occasionally it is worth applying discipline to think about a cliche. In reply to the question "What is the reason for the Israeli Army's success?" one often hears: *"Ain breira"* (There is no alternative). Israelis fight with their backs to the sea.

In the 1967 Six Day War, Jerusalemites fought only metres from their homes and families, just as they did in 1948.

Eight years after the Six Day War, a group sat over thick coffee and grilled fish, in an old stone house in the suburb Ein Karem. I asked Aaron, who fought as sergeant of a reconnaissance platoon in the Jerusalem Brigade, what it was like.

"A lot of the men had fought for Jerusalem in 1948 and knew the city, the parts that were cut off from us," Aaron said.

In 1948, the formation which became the Jerusalem Brigade was known as the Etzion Brigade, named for the bloc of settlements 10 miles south, which fought long and terribly alone to save Jerusalem. After many casualties, nearly out of ammunition, Etzion Bloc surrendered. The bloc was a group of renewed Jewish villages between Bethlehem and Hebron established in the 1930s. Immediately, 100 Jews were massacred. But Jerusalem was saved.

Unlike most Israeli military units, for most of the period from statehood to the 1967 war, the brigade had a particular region of activity — the home area of most of its solidiers.

"The beginning of the fedayeen attacks was here behind Ein Karem when three of our soldiers were killed near Sataf in 1951," Aaron said. "The terrorists had come from Nebi Samuel, north of Jerusalem. My infantry company then was commanded by the world famous professor of Bible from Hebrew University, Shmaryahu Talmon. We backed up a small group of eight men led by Arik Sharon, which made the first counter-raids."

That group was the core for the legendary 101 Commando unit, whose fighters and esprit de corps laid the groundwork for the parachute corps of the Israel Army.

In 1967, the Jerusalem Brigade was deployed defensively, facing Jordan's Arab Legionnaire troops on the divided frontier of Jerusalem.

On June 5, 1967, the Jerusalem Brigade suffered "from silence." Aaron recalled that the Israeli high command had decided there would be a news silence. "During all the broadcasts after the morning sirens, the radio spoke of fierce fights in the Negev — meaning we were retreating — and the humidity!" Aaron laughed. "Then they gave weather forecasts for the next day. This was the only source of our news.

"In the south, there was no danger, morale-wise, because there our boys knew the truth — we were on the offensive. But the poor Jerusalem Brigade waited three hours until Hussein attacked. Little Hussie. Then thousands of artillery shells were fired upon us. We were a single brigade against a good army — the Legion. We heard all the fantasies from the radios of the Arabs and our radio spoke of Negev fights and humidity! Everyone felt things were terrible. It was a black day."

All that long day, Aaron and a few others from his platoon defended a point and spotted for artillery counter-fire in the divided Jerusalem border suburb of Beit Safafa, south of town.

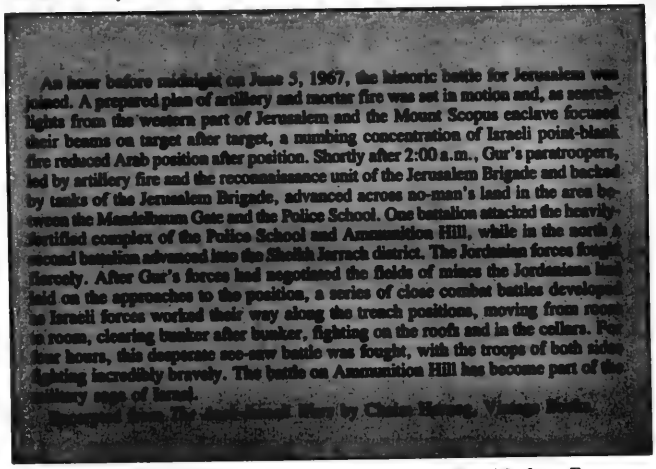
"I fell asleep near midnight and was awakened by someone kissing me," remembered Aaron. "It was my comrade Nissim. When they broke radio news silence, he was ecstatic with joy — 350 Arab planes smashed, finished! That's it. From that moment on, everything was okay."

During the Six Day War, the opportunity arose to liberate the Jordanian-occupied portion of Jerusalem. Following the early morning outbreak of fighting between Israeli and Egyptian forces in the south, King Hussein ignored an Israeli message (passed via the UN) that if Jordan did not intervene in the conflict, Israel would take no warlike steps against her.

Hussein opened artillery fire in the late morning and then sent his infantry to capture a dominating terrain feature in "no-man's land." This was Jebel Mukaber, across the valley south of the Old City, site of Government House of the former British Mandate, and since United Nations headquaters in Israel. This demilitarized high ground proved more a magnet for, than deterrent to war.

Arrival of the paratroopers at the Western Wall. [*The Story of Jerusalem*, B. Rothenberg]

The sole Israeli formation initially facing the Jordanian military forces deployed in and around Jerusalem was the Jerusalem Brigade. During the ferocious, strangely short, miraculous battle for the city, the local unit was joined by a parachute brigade led by Jerusalem-born Motta Gur, later Chief of Staff of the Israel Defence Forces.



An hour before midnight on June 5, 1967, the historic battle for Jerusalem was joined. A prepared plan of artillery and mortar fire was set in motion and, as searchlights from the western part of Jerusalem and the Mount Scopus enclave focused their beams on target after target, a numbing concentration of Israeli point-blank fire reduced Arab position after position. Shortly after 2:00 a.m., Gur's paratroopers, led by artillery fire and the reconnaissance unit of the Jerusalem Brigade and backed by tanks of the Jerusalem Brigade, advanced across no-man's land in the area between the Mandelbaum Gate and the Police School. One battalion attacked the heavily-fortified complex of the Police School and Ammunition Hill, while in the north a second battalion advanced into the Sheikh Jarrach district. The Jordanian forces fought fiercely. After Gur's forces had negotiated the fields of mines the Jordanians had laid on the approaches to the position, a series of close combat battles developed. As Israeli forces worked their way along the trench positions, moving from room to room, clearing bunker after bunker, fighting on the roofs and in the cellars. For four hours, this desperate see-saw battle was fought, with the troops of both sides fighting incredibly bravely. The battle on Ammunition Hill has become part of the military saga of Israel.

Reprinted from *The Arab-Israeli Wars* by Chaim Herzog, Vintage Books.

The second day, Aaron's platoon was ordered to attack and clear the eastern slope of the hill where the British Government House sits. It was house-to-house fighting.

Aaron recalled that he drove his motor-scooter to the front line. On June 7, the men were given two hours to rest. He got a lift back to his scooter and rode home for dinner and then back.

"Two neighbors and I had captured the area of the Tomb of Rachel on the road to Bethlehem, but at first we didn't recognize it," he said. "Why? Because we remembered the famous pictures of the tomb with the fields and trees. The Arabs had built villas around there. When we finally realized it was the tomb, we burst out crying!"

Aaron added, "After a few minutes the mayor of Bethlehem came from the gas station across the road in a nice suit, to surrender. There were white flags, sheets and pillow cases hung on all the houses. The mayor said to me in English, 'Listen, I like Prime Minister Eshkol!'

" 'Maybe you like him,' I replied, " 'I dislike him!' The fellow was shocked."

The first unit into action at Government House was nicknamed the academic reserves. Aaron thought back. "This type of academic which made up so many of my unit — you know how they never trust their own ability as fighters. They are too sophisticated. But they fought wonderfully in 1967."

Prior to 1967, Jewish armies had captured Jerusalem three times. King David made it the capital of Israel. The Maccabees liberated Jerusalem and cleansed it after it was desecrated by the Greeks. Bar Kochba's liberation fighters wrested it from Roman legions. A fourth time, the Jews helped; in 1917, three battalions called Jewish Legions were among the British forces that drove the Turks from Eretz Israel.

The prophets had warned that for Jerusalem "danger comes from the north," and indeed Jerusalem's conquerors, from the Babylonians to the British, had approached from that direction. From three directions, the ground falls away steeply from the city walls; only in the north is there no valley. In 1967, however, the Jewish army liberated the Old City from another direction.

The Jerusalem Brigade took the southern approaches to the city. The parachutists attacked on foot through Mea Shearim to the hill just north east, near the present neighborhood of Ramat Eshkol, and captured what became known as Ammunition Hill, in a ferocious and difficult night action.

A reserve armored unit, using Sherman tanks from World War II, advanced from half-way to Tel Aviv towards Ramallah and closed in on Jerusalem's northern suburbs, screening them from Jordanian reinforcements to the north.

Then the parachute unit used indirect tactics. With commander Motta Gur in the lead, it broke into the Old City from the east, through Lion's Gate, under fire from Jordanians on the Old City walls and the heights across the valley to the east on Mount Olives. Some 200 Israeli soldiers and civilians died in the violent two-day battle for Jerusalem, June 5 and 6, 1967. Over 1,000 were wounded. On the Jordanian side, 350 soldiers and 100 civilians were lost.

"Maybe you feel more for what you fight," said Aaron, "when you defend your home."

Michael Zimmerman, a management consultant, author and speaker in Chicago, lived in Jerusalem for some years.

The commanders of the IDF entering the Old City (from right) General Yitzhak Rabin, chief of staff; General Moshe Dayan, minister of defense; and General Uzi Narkiss, commanding officer, central command. [*The Story of Jerusalem*, B. Rothenberg]

Opinions

Germans react to VE-Day

The last few months have focused on the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the concentration camps and, more recently, on VE-Day.

I have repeatedly been asked how the Germans react to these observances. There is no one answer, but the following news items will convey part of the trend.

Holocaust revisionist Günther Deckert will be going to jail on charges of incitement, a court in Karlsruhe in south-western Germany ruled recently. The case has an interesting history.

A few years ago Deckert was responsible for a program of publicizing revisionist literature (denying the Holocaust). He was citing a self-styled "execution expert" who maintained that the genocidal practices attributed to the Nazis were technically impossible. Deckert, who is the head of the right-wing extremist National Democratic Party, was subsequently indicted on charges of revisionism, which is illegal in Germany.

At first he was sentenced to a year's probation, but while the conviction was upheld, the sentence was rejected by Germany's highest court for criminal matters and the case was sent back for reconsideration.

Last June, Deckert was again sentenced to probation on the grounds — according to the judge — that he displayed "strength of character" and a "sense of responsibility." The judgment evoked outcries across Germany and it too was rejected by the federal court.

Worst crimes against humanity

Now the judges have condemned Deckert to two years of imprisonment without the possibility of parole. According to *The Week in Germany* (from which this information comes), the sentence was widely applauded throughout the country. Last spring, the Federal Constitutional Court confirmed that denying of the Holocaust is not protected under the basic law which guarantees freedom of speech.

The second item I would mention is the public agitation of the president of the Central Committee of German-Jews, Ignatz Bubis, who spoke at the anniversary observance in Bergen-Belsen. He suggested the introduction in Germany of a memorial day to remember the victims of National Socialism, a suggestion widely publicized in Germany. It was a strange coincidence that two participants in the ceremonies were called Herzog: former Israeli president Chaim Herzog, and the current German president Roman Herzog (who is not a Jew).

It is worth quoting two paragraphs from Roman Herzog's address:

"It is not easy for me to speak at this place and on this day. To begin with, it is difficult to speak at this place. The name Bergen-Belsen represents, along with many other concentration camp names, the worst crimes against humanity which history has known. In addition to our mourning for the dead, come shame and outrage. Shame and outrage that it was Germans who committed these crimes and that this happened in the land of Lessing, Kani and Goethe.

"Secondly, it is hard to talk on this day altogether. Today is the day when Jews everywhere and especially in Israel remember the victims of Nazi crimes, the Yom Hashoah. When we Germans observe this day together with the victims, we know that we are part of these sins; nothing must be repressed, nothing must be forgotten. We have the responsibility to see to it that something like this will never occur again."

Five thousand people were present at the observance.

Once again - The big lie

Imagine the news story on the fire at Ernst Zundel's house written according to the Revisionist approach.

In fact, it would have to begin by asking,

"Did that fire actually take place? After all, what we saw on TV could have been the same type of on-stage fabrication as the landings on the moon and Mars, and we all know that man has never left the face of this planet. But in order to protect the sham of the space exploration project, we have created this incredible myth of space travel. Why, to ask us to believe this is to put us right up there with the actors on *X-Files*."

Once again we see the insidious myth-makers at work. Once again the media and those in high places are out to trick us. Once again we are asked to believe the unbelievable.

I refer of course to trumped-up accusations that a fire was set outside the home of truth-seeker Ernst Zundel in Toronto, in order to terrorize him into silence.

Of course we all know this is just another example of how lies become the truth.

Oh, sure, there could have been a fire — but how could it have been set deliberately on a street in a major metropolis, with people walking by? There was smoke — maybe — but how do we really know that it occurred as reported?

How big was the fire? What was it supposed to have been ignited by? Where are the witnesses to its effects? An accidental match dropped in leaves will start a fire — we are asked to believe that persons unknown, with malice aforethought, dared to set this fire.

And what was the house constructed of? How big was the fence in front? What were the steps made out of? What about the other houses in the neighborhood? How come they were not touched?

We can see how the myth is constructed

We can see how the myth is constructed, with devious care.

And what was the role of the police? The fire department? The media? Oh, we know they are all in the pockets of international conspirators against the truth.

Police for instance — are they to be trusted when they were the very ones who hauled our leader to and from court? Clearly not.

The fire department? Just another tool of the governments that are out to convince us that an innocent fire was actualy a malicious act — if there was a fire at all.

And the media, out to senationalize, distort, even falsify evidence so that they will have a news story to sell. We all know they are controlled by interests that daily distort truth and make it bend to their secret radical liberal agenda.

So — a fire? No proof. Witnesses — out for their own aggrandizement. Media — always the tool, always looking for sensation.

What are we to believe?

Myth and countermyth

At a time when Muslim fundamentalism appears to be a high point, it is interesting to rethink the conventional opinions about the position of Jews in the Islamic world.

Since the 1930s, spokespeople for various Arab-Muslim factions have deplored the deterioration which has set in between Arabs and Jews. They argued that Jews had always been well treated in Islamic society and that "the Zionist enterprise" had violated that entente.

Jamil Baroudi, a Saudi diplomat at the United Nations in the 1970s, often pursued that line of argument in his speeches there. He and his colleagues would point, moreover, to the writings of a 19th-century Jewish scholar of Islam, Ignac Goldziher, to support their claims about the historical tolerance of Islam towards Jews.

In order to counter what some termed the myth of Islamic tolerance towards Jews, many Israeli and Jewish researchers conducted inventories of the situation of Jews as *dhimmis* (protected people under Islamic rule). One French-Jewish writer even claimed that while Islam never produced a catastrophe of the magnitude of the Holocaust, the total number of Jews victimized by Muslim violence over the centuries was similar to the number of Jewish victims of Christian anti-Semitism.

Most of the scholarly opinion on this question suggested that the truth lay somewhere between the two extremes: Jews never enjoyed the peaceful coexistence with Islam that has been the staple of Arab propaganda, but Jews generally fared better under Islam (despite sporadic outbursts of anti-Jewish violence) than under Christendom.

Now Mark R. Cohen, a professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University, has pushed the pendulum back, examining the historical record from the rise of Islam to the beginning of the crusades.

Islam had a far more benign attitude than Christianity

In a recent study, called *Under Crescent & Cross* (Princeton), Cohen shows persuasively that Islam had a far more benign attitude towards Jews than Christianity did. The reasons are simple. First, Islam has no deicide myth in connection with the rise of the faith. Second, Islam did not emerge in competition with Judaism. Third, the religion begun by the Prophet did not have to struggle against the might of a colossus like the Roman empire. Fourth, Islam never had to portray itself as the "New Israel" with all the baggage implied in that term.

Theologically speaking Islam was also less confrontational towards Judaism than was Christianity. In fact, Muslim scholars used the venerable Arabic term *shari'a* (the body of sacred Islamic law) to describe Jewish law and Saadia Gaon, the great rabbinic scholar, unselfconsciously used the same word to translate the word Torah in his translation of the Hebrew Bible into Arabic. He even used the term, Koran, to render the word Bible into Arabic.

One of the most powerful influences that fuelled Christian anti-Semitism, the tradition of iconography — paintings, engravings, woodcarving and sculptures — was totally absent in Islam, which categorically forbade the depiction of human form in art. Medieval images of Jews involved in the infamous blood libel were inconceivable in classical Islam.

Cohen's treatment of the *Pact of Omar* — a document originating in the seventh century which defined the legal position of *dhimmis* — shows that despite the many incivilities visited upon Jews under the terms of this document, its overall effect was to guarantee recognition, protection and security to Jews under Islam.

Arthur Hertzberg once said it is not important whether Jews fared better under Islam or Christendom; what is important is that there be an airport in Lod to which Jews can repair when they need to. That may be so, but the issue of the fate of Jews under Islam is not a trivial one. For at least five centuries, until the bitter confrontations between Christians and Muslims in the crusades, Jews enjoyed relative tranquillity under the crescent as "protected" citizens. They did not, by and large, enjoy the same thing under Christendom.

Perhaps some day, the congenial spirit if not the structure of the previous Muslim-Jewish amity, can be restored.

Features

Shimon Peres looks back

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Shimon Peres, Israel's foreign minister, can look back at a life of achievement. A protege of David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first and perhaps greatest prime minister, Peres has been inextricably involved in the country's development.

From procuring arms for the fledgling state in 1948 to building the atomic reactor in Dimona a decade later, Peres has been a formidable force in Israeli politics.

And since the Oslo peace process, of which he was arguably the chief architect, he has raised his profile still higher.

Two years ago, Peres outlined his utopian vision of peace in a book entitled *The New Middle East*. Now he has written his memoirs, *Battling for Peace* (Random House, $25 US), a thoughtful, anecdotal volume which brings him full circle.

Battling for Peace tends to be thorough. But there are glaring omissions — Peres' role in the establishment of settlements in the territories in the early 1970s, the Jonathan Pollard affair, and the events surrounding the arrest of Mordechai Vanunu, who leaked Israel's nuclear secrets to the press.

Peres was born in Vishneva — a shtetl in White Russia — in August 1923, the son of a prosperous merchant. He was raised in a traditional Jewish home and nurtured on Zionism and the Hebrew language. (His teacher, Yehoshua Rabinowitz, went on to become mayor of Tel Aviv and finance minister in the government in which Peres was defence minister.)

Though his parents' home was spacious and comfortable, the house had no running water or electricity, a revealing commentary on Vishneva's impoverishment.

In 1932, Peres' father set out for Tel Aviv, sending for his family shortly afterward. Peres thrived in Palestine. He joined a Zionist youth group and met his wife-to-be. Soon, he reached the upper echelons of the Labor Zionist movement. At around the same time, he Hebraicized his surname (Persky). It's a period of his adolescence he describes nostalgically.

Having displayed leadership qualities, Peres quickly advanced through the ranks. In 1947, on the eve of the War of Independence, Ben-Gurion and Levi Eshkol, a future prime minister, put in him charge of the Haganah's weapons procurement department. He worked hard and cultivated friendships, qualities which were to prove useful later on.

Peres writes of his efforts to buy military equipment from Czechoslovakia, some of which was tragically faulty. In addition, he recalls a bizarre incident in which Israel bought a World War II-vintage Canadian aircraft carrier. It was a dubious purchase, since Israel had no planes capable of landing or taking off on an aircraft carrier. On the voyage to Israel, the ship sank at sea, and Israel collected the insurance money.

By the early 1950s, Peres was deputy director general of the Ministry of Defence. Peres persuaded Ben-Gurion to appoint Pinhas Lavon as defence minister. Peres admired Lavon's analytical powers and his rhetorical skills, and believed that he and Moshe Dayan — the chief of staff — would function smoothly as a team.

In Peres' estimation, Lavon turned out to be a Frankenstein — "one of the greatest mistakes in the history of Israel." Lavon, he claims, made a series of "disastrous" decisions. And furthermore, he almost succeeded in having Peres ejected from the Mapai (Labor) party. "For me, these were some of the hardest moments of my life."

Yet more hardship lay in the offing. In 1965, he and Ben-Gurion seceded from Mapai, forming the vanguard of Rafi, a new, right-of-centre political party which ultimately capsized. Rafi was financially squeezed, and Peres remembers having to mortgage his refrigerator at home to help cover its debts. Eventually, Peres returned to Mapai.

Peres played an integral role in Israel's nuclear power program. But, as he reminds a reader, there was vehement opposition from scientists, who believed that Israel lacked the ability to build its own nuclear option and from cabinet ministers who recoiled at the cost.

But Peres, encouraged by Ben-Gurion, moved forward, recruiting unjaded scientists and enlisting the technical support of France. Peres also coined a phrase which has passed into Israel's political lexicon. In 1963, John Kennedy, the then U.S. president, asked Peres point-blank whether Israel was building "a nuclear option." Peres' disingenuous reply was: "We will not be the first ones to introduce nuclear weapons into the Middle East."

Further on, Peres writes at length about Israel's alliance with France (which he championed and forged); recalls the secret talks with France and Britain which led to the 1956 Sinai Campaign; and recollects the tense days before the 1967 Six Day War.

Peres takes credit for building the Good Fence in 1976. It enabled Israel to establish a sphere of influence in southern Lebanon. And he explains why he opposed the 1981 bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactor.

Interestingly enough, Peres believes his "finest hour" occurred in 1977, when he succeeded Yitzhak Rabin as leader of the Labor party and took on the burden of rebuilding that demoralized party. He denies he ever harbored animosity toward Rabin, his perennial rival, but his denial doesn't ring true.

In an analysis of Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, Peres claims that the then prime minister, Menachem Begin, effectively lost control of the war to the generals. He singles out Ariel Sharon as one of the plotters.

Turning to another topic, Peres believes that the two national unity governments of the 1980s, in which he served as prime minister for two years, accomplished some good. The Israeli army more or less withdrew from southern Lebanon; inflation was tamed; and the Taba dispute with Egypt was submitted to international arbitration.

However, he observes, "I would not recommend a unity government as anything other than a last resort." Peres suggests that there was endless bickering and policy paralysis.

The Labor party's marriage of convenience with Likud ended abruptly in 1990, when Labor, with the assistance of Shas, brought down the government of Yitzhak Shamir in a vote of no-confidence.

The president, Chaim Herzog, asked Peres to cobble together a government. At the last moment, two Agudath Yisrael members of parliament — whose support he had counted on — backed off, and Shamir snatched victory from the jaws of defeat. Peres acknowleges that the outcome was "one of the most awkward, embarrassing and heartbreaking situations of my political career."

Similarly, Peres expresses bitterness over the loss of the Labor party's leadership to Rabin in 1992. "I felt I had earned my party's trust and had been unfairly removed... just when global and regional developments had brought peace into prospect."

Nevertheless, Peres rose to the occasion, putting aside bruised feelings and promising to cooperate with Rabin. On this basis, Peres explains, he and Rabin were able to proceed toward the still unrealized goal of peace in the Middle East.

Peres claims he fathered the Gaza First concept, which, in retrospect, gave birth to the Oslo peace process. "Our rule over Gaza," he notes, "was an ongoing, ghastly mistake."

In passing, Peres says he convinced Rabin of the necessity to deal directly, albeit clandestinely, with the PLO. Peres' narrative of Israel's hush-hush negotiations with its former adversary is instructive.

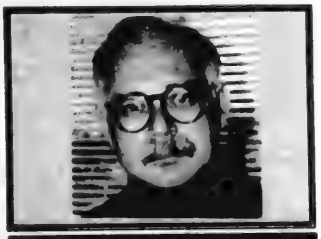
As he readily admits, he is an incurable optimist. Indeed, Peres' hopes for the Middle East are conditioned by this outlook.

Israel and the Arab states, he writes, are ending an era dominated by war and embarking on an epoch in which "the guns will stay silent."

He adds: "Peace in our region is no longer part of a dream world; it has built a permanent place for itself in the realm of reality."

Palestinian terrorist attacks have soured, even endangered, peace talks since the publication of *Battling for Peace*. But one suspects that these gruesome events have not fundamentally discouraged Peres, whose pragmatic conception of a new, peaceful Middle East is grounded in mutual self-interest.

Shimon Peres (left) converses with King Hassan (centre) during a stopover in Casablanca, Morocco, after the signing of the 1993 Israeli-Palestinian Declaration of Principles in Washington. On their left is Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.



Jewish World

By Sheldon Kirshner

Heartland U.S.

Commentators and columnists shouldn't have been surprised that the Oklahoma City terrorist bombing was conceived and carried out in America's "heartland."

If they had bothered doing their homework, they would have discovered that the two suspects charged so far with the crime were closely associated with the so-called patriot movement, which is strongly entrenched in the Midwest and the Pacific Northwest.

Far to the right of the mainstream, the movement is a hodgepodge of paramilitary militias, tax protesters, constitutionalists and, lest we forget, white supremacists-cum-neo-Nazis.

The movement appears to have no cohesive leadership or command centre, but all its components subscribe to apocalyptic conspiracy theories and the politics of paranoia, a combustible mixture which inevitably draws on racism and anti-Semitism, overt or covert.

Deeply resentful of central authority, principally the federal government, the movement is particularly disdainful of the United Nations and the Federal Reserve Board. The UN is regarded as a harbinger of a Socialist "one-world government" which would undermine and destroy the United States. The Federal Reserve Board is viewed as a tool of "international bankers" (a euphemism for Jews).

Adamantly opposed to gun control, these right-wing radicals, especially the white supremacists in their ranks, are not averse to violence.

In the past 15 years, they have targeted government buildings, killed federal marshals, robbed banks, tried to blow up synagogues and Jewish institutions, and murdered a Jewish radio talk show host (Alan Berg).

The most extreme elements, acolytes of the Aryan Nations and Christian Identity movements, hold that the United States is enslaved by the "Zionist Occupation Government" (ZOG), and that Jews are the children of Satan and must be exterminated.

These extremists, spiritual descendants of rabid anti-Semites like Gerald L.K. Smith and Father Charles Coughlin, whose popularity peaked in the 1930s and 1940s, look to William Pierce for guidance and inspiration.

Pierce, who heads an outfit called the National Alliance, based in West Virginia, is best known for an anti-Semitic political novel, *The Turner Diaries*, published in 1978. Widely considered the bible of the radical right, it describes a revolt in which whites rebel against the government, killing Jews, blacks and "race criminals," notably liberal politicians and white women who've cohabitated with African-Americans.

One may scoff at these malevolent extremists who would wreak havoc and death in the name of freedom and liberty. They are, after all, on the fringe of American society. But they are armed and dangerous, and if the federal government does not crack down on these lunatics with unflagging resolve, the streets of America will run red with the blood of innocent victims.

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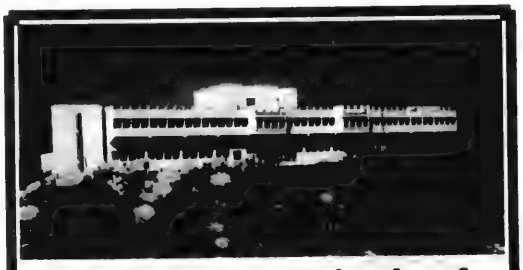

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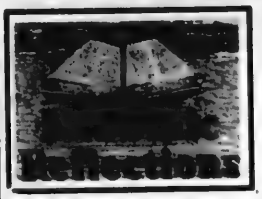


By RABBI MARK FRIEDMAN

Being involved in Jewish life today, one cannot avoid the phrase Jewish continuity. It is ubiquitous at this time, as the focus of commissions, studies and funding initiatives.

Yet, a colleague of mine, Rabbi Jerome Epstein comments: "It is my strong feeling that the Jewish continuity endeavor has in fact *deflected* us from our real task ... our challenge must be to fashion a vibrant and dynamic Judaism for the present, that will extend to the future."

Following up on this statement, Rabbi Epstein proceeds to enumerate three major problems with the current continuity strategy.

First, the stance of proposing efforts for the next generation, rather than toward the present generation ignores the responsibility to help each Jew grow in his or her partnership with G-d. Why should the benefits of Judaism be entrusted to others and not to ourselves? If Judaism does not affect the way we approach life, it becomes trivial.

Second, consider the negativity about Judaism contained in this exclusive focus on the future. What is the message we give to our children when we tell them, "You have to go to synagogue services ... You have to learn Hebrew." The message is clear. Judaism is just for kids.

Third is the paradox of the continuity effort. We want our children to undergo rich Jewish experiences that will impact upon their lives. But what happens after camp or the trip to Israel? If our Jewish lives lack vibrancy, the emotions we have touched in our young people will dissipate without a place to sustain and nurture them.

Rabbi Epstein points to what is our true challenge. He observes: "We must embark on a new campaign that will focus on Jewish living now. By creating a community that lives Jewishly, we develop our best chance to ensure the continuation of our rich heritage."

It would appear that a focal point of such an effort is the synagogue. The synagogue is the institution most significant in any campaign to promote the personal and familial undertaking of mitzvot and a Jewish lifestyle. It is the arena where the struggle with the question "Why be Jewish?" will take place.

Our communities cannot live rich Jewish lives without strong, vibrant synagogues that promote Jewish observance, Jewish learning, and perhaps most important, Jewish searching. We cannot ignore the social and recreational aspects of synagogue life. But the question that is begged is this — if the synagogue is merely a place for gathering, a place of Jewish style without Jewish substance, how will it be able to meet the challenges of the present day?

If shul is relegated to life cycles events, High Holy Days, and an occasional class in current events, from whence will emerge the leadership that will ensure a vital Jewish tomorrow?

Rabbi Mark Friedman is the spiritual leader of the Shaare Zedek Congregation in Montreal.

Renewing allegiance to Judaism

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

The book of Ruth describes the relationship between two women, Ruth and Naomi. Ruth is the first person in the Tanach to choose Judaism and upon whom Jewish law bases the structure of formal conversion.

In the opening chapter we meet the core family: Elimelech, his wife Naomi and their two sons, but the picture changes drastically by the fifth verse. Ten years elapse, the sons marry Moabite women and succumb to fatal illnesses. The main characters, the three men, die and the mother remains alone.

Naomi convinces one daughter-in-law to return to her family while the other, Ruth, chooses to remain with Naomi and return to Israel. Ruth utters the famous pledge: "Whither thou goest I will go." The rabbis have interpreted her story as outlining the legal conversion process.

Yet the reader is shocked by the sudden absence of the male characters. A span of 10 years is dismissed in five verses, these 10 years could surely be expanded into chapters of information.

Clearly, the focus shifts away from the men and onto Naomi and Ruth. The word chosen for Ruth's allegiance to Naomi is the same word used in Genesis for describing the union of man and woman, "cleave onto."

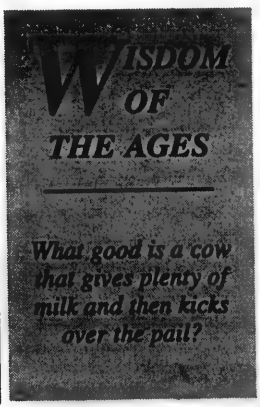
In Genesis the verse states that the man will "cleave onto his woman and they will be of one flesh." Naomi likewise refers to Ruth as "my daughter," although their relationship technically ends with the death of Ruth's husband, and there is no longer a legal tie between them. Is there a connection between the focus, the choice of wording and the model for conversion?

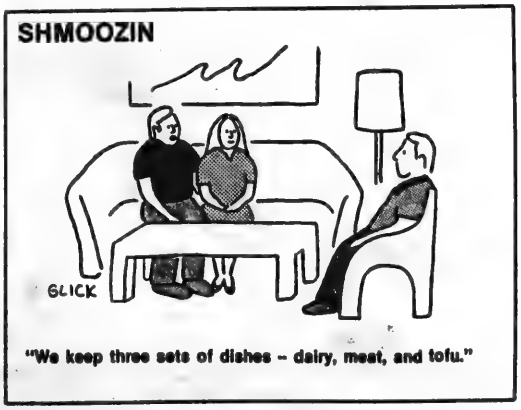
There are two ways in which a person is considered a Jew. They are born into the religion, or they formally accept the religion. The Bible instructs us that we must accept converted Jews equally to those born as Jews, but the demand for equality in status is a difficult one and seems artificially imposed.

Yet, the rabbinic understanding of Ruth makes the identical claim. Naomi refers to Ruth as her daughter, Ruth is described as "cleaving" to Naomi. Coupled with the verse from Genesis, the image of becoming one flesh arises. When speaking of man and woman, becoming "one flesh" refers to a physical act of intimacy.

However, when speaking of two women, the word evokes a much different image. The woman embodies union with another while she is pregnant. A born Jew is "of one flesh" while connected to its mother. Whether Ruth was born a Jew, or she accepted the religion, she is referred to by the text in the same way.

As Shavuot approaches all Jews celebrate their acceptance of the Torah. Those of us born as Jews (Naomi), and those of us who choose Judaism (Ruth) are equally renewing our allegiance to this document. The book of Ruth deliberately focuses on women, for through women can the image of birth be strongly equated with the statement of choice.





Jewish Life

Chrétien to help launch new Yad Vashem centre

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's a one-two punch for the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem: not only will Prime Minister Jean Chrétien address the society's May 31 dinner at the Regal Constellation Hotel in suburban Toronto, but the organization will also announce the establishment of the Canadian Chair for Holocaust Studies and the Dan Family Multi-Media Centre.

Both will be located in the Canada Pavilion of the planned Central School of Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

The multi-media centre, which will house computers, films, archives and audio recordings, is named for Toronto philanthropist Leslie Dan, chair and CEO of Novopharm Ltd. and a Holocaust survivor.

It's all part of a $10 million refurbishment at Yad Vashem, the world's foremost repository for Holocaust archives and studies. Plans also call for an expansion of the Avenue of the Righteous and the updating of the central museum.

When complete, the Central School of Holocaust Studies will overlook Jerusalem's Judean hills. Groundbreaking is expected to take place in September 1996.

The Canadian Chair for Holocaust Studies will be awarded to a deserving scholar and the Canada Pavilion will also house a complete educational centre, says Canadian Society for Yad Vashem chair Joel Dimitry.

Dimitry is most excited, however, by the multi-media centre. Using the latest technologies, it will allow visitors and scholars to use computers to retrieve documents, photographs, film footage and even audio recordings of the Holocaust era. Already, data are being stored on CD-ROM discs. Eventually, he says, millions of Yad Vashem archives will be accessible worldwide through the Internet.

Chrétien is expected to pay tribute to the Holocaust's 6 million Jewish victims and to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. At least two cabinet ministers — Treasury Board president Art Eggleton and Solicitor General Herb Grey — are slated to attend the dinner, as is Yad Vashem chair Avner Shalev and Israel's ambassador to Canada, Itzhak Shelev.

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Beth Jacob honors two families

TORONTO — This year's Beth Jacob High School and Jacob Perlman Seminary annual dinner will honor the Korolnek and Rubenstein families.

The dinner will be held May 31, at 7 p.m. at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto synagogue.

Itshe Meyer Korolnek, the family patriarch, was a colorful character in the history of Jewish Toronto. He was a founder of Eitz Chaim Schools and Torath Emeth Congregation, and was known for helping immigrants find a livelihood where they would not have to desecrate Jewish law.

A successful businessman (he founded Consolidated Bottle Co.), he was involved with many charitable and educational ventures, a tradition followed by his children, Harry and Max, and by their children.

Hershel Rubenstein, head of the Rubenstein family, also supported religious education in Toronto, especially Rabbi Abraham Price's Yeshivat Toras Chaim. He helped found Eitz Chaim Schools, Yeshivat Maharil Graubart and Toronto Agudah.

Rubenstein also helped organize the first free-standing mikvah in the city.

Other philanthropies he helped included the Telse Yeshiva, Ner Israel and Kollel Esh Dat.

The dinner will also mark the school's 35th anniversary; the 60th yahrzeit of Sarah Schenirir, who established the first Bais Yaakov schools, the first formal Orthodox school system for girls; and the 16 members of the school's first graduating class.

Guest speaker will be Rabbi Yaakov Feitman, rabbi of Young Israel of Beachwood in Cleveland.

Women meet in Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Mideast branch spring conference of Women's League for Conservative Judaism was held in Winnipeg this year for the first time since 1989.

Denny Hornstein, the local conference chair, said the annual conference held at the International Inn attracted 90 delegates from Winnipeg, Saskatoon and nine midwestern American cities — representing 16 sisterhoods. Another 60 local women attended some of the programs.

The conference, whose theme was Walk in the Path of Understanding, was hosted by the sisterhoods of the city's three Conservative synagogues and all the Conservative rabbis participated.

Rabbi Akiba Lubow of Winnipeg's Rosh Pina Congregation discussed the Jewish perspective of bioethics; Rabbi Alan Green of the Beth Israel Synagogue spoke on the search for spirituality; Rabbi Henry Balser of the Congregation Shaarey Zedek led an analysis of the lessons of the Holocaust; and Rabbi Neal and Carol Rose analyzed the prospects of Jewish continuity.

In the keynote address, Cory Schneider, national consultant for the Women's League, spoke on Understanding the Path.

Affiliated with the Jewish Theological Seminary, the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, founded in 1918, is the world's largest women's synagogue organization with over 150,000 members in Canada, the United States and Israel.

Next year's Midwest branch conference is scheduled for St. Paul, Minn.

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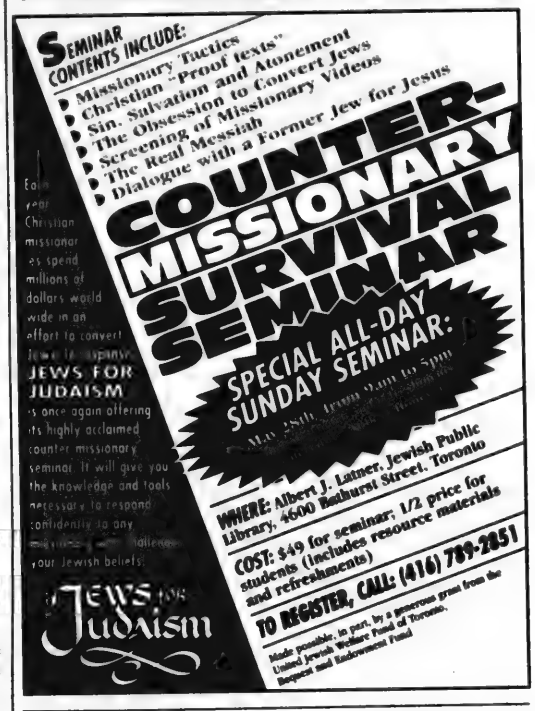
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Ontario Election '95

Ottawa delegation to meet with candidates

MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — A joint delegation representing Ottawa's Jewish community and B'nai Brith will be making the rounds of candidates' offices in the next few weeks to inform incumbents and hopefuls about the concerns of the Jewish community.

First on the list is the future of Hillel Lodge, Ottawa's Jewish home for the elderly. The Jewish Community Council recently approved a plan to rebuild the aging home on a central campus close to other institutions. The community intends to raise half the money but will be looking to candidates for support on receiving matching funds from government.

The delegation also wants to see if candidates support lifting a moratorium on long-term bed licences in the province. Hillel Lodge is facing a growing demand for care, but under current legislation can only add spaces if it buys licences from facilities that are cutting beds. The community would like to be able to add beds without having to find and buy licences.

Candidates will also be brought up to date on the Jewish community's concern about hate activity in Ontario.

Rubin Friedman, B'nai Brith director of government relations, says the delegation will focus on the benefits of anti-hate crime activities, such as race relations training for police and others in the justice system, multicultural education and bias crimes police units.

Friedman says he will also raise concerns about Ernst Zundel and his freedom to publish hate literature in Ontario.

School funding

Finally, the delegation will talk to candidates about the community's views on public funding for day schools.

Mitchell Bellman, director of community relations, says the meetings are designed to inform Jewish candidates about Jewish community issues, not to extract promises from them.

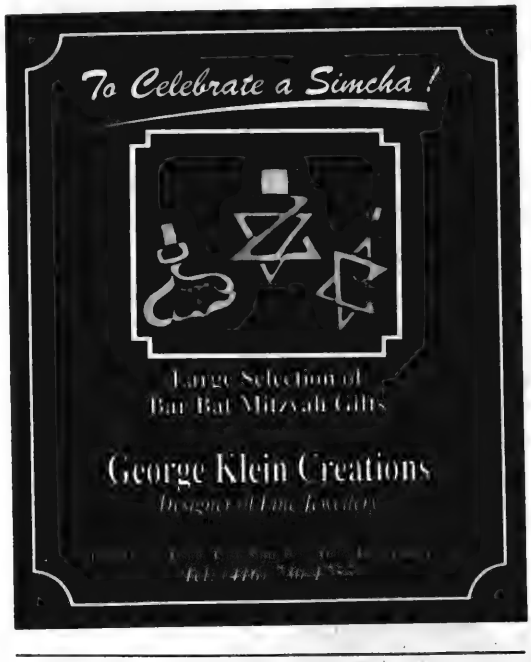
The Ottawa ridings with significant Jewish residents are all held by Liberals. In Nepean, incumbent Hans Daigler is running for his third term against NDP candidate John Sullivan and PC John Baird. In Ottawa West, the home of Hillel Academy, incumbent Bob Chiarelli is running against NDP Coreen Ismaili and PC Greg Joy, director of Ottawa's Food Bank.

Bernard Grandmaitre, the incumbent in Ottawa East where the Jewish Community Centre is located, is running against PC Cynthia Bled, a longtime member of the Ottawa Board of Education and NDP David Dyment.

In Ottawa South, Liberal Dalton McGuinty is running against former Olympic shooting champion, Conservative Linda Thom, and NDP candidate Margaret Armstrong.

The only candidate in Ottawa in the NDP government is Evelyn Gigantes, who will battle for Ottawa Centre with Liberal Richard Patton, who formerly held the seat, and PC Chris Thompson.

Just outside Ottawa, the forced resignation of Mohamed Bassuny in Carleton riding for publishing a book *To Pope With Love* that was offensive to Catholics, gays, women and the Pope, added some color to an otherwise lacklustre campaign [CJN, May 18].



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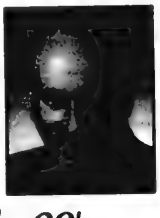

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Ontario Election '95

Ethnic diversity in Markham

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

MARKHAM — The backgrounds of the candidates in the provincial riding of Markham reflect the region's ethnic diversity.

The riding includes a large chunk of Thornhill's Jewish community, the Chinese population around the Highway 7 corridor, a sizeable number of South Asians and people from the Middle East, and residents of the older areas of Markham and Unionville.

Liberal candidate Khalid Usman, 45, an accountant, is originally from Pakistan; NDP hopeful Mike Tang, 56, a wholesaler and distributor, is an immigrant from Taiwan; and Conservative Dave Tsubouchi, 44, is a third generation Japanese-Canadian.

All agree that while cutbacks are necessary, any government must maintain health care, education and services to seniors and people with disabilities. The Conservatives include law enforcement on that list.

Tang believes his experience in business and trade will be an asset to an NDP government.

If elected, he says he will help the many hi-tech businesses in Markham work together. He would also encourage the creation of a small and medium industry ministry to help find new markets and teach businesses how to access them.

Only exports can create jobs and wealth, he says.

He says he agrees with the NDP policy on waste control, pointing out that "garbage has to go somewhere. The government consulted with a well-respected group of people, produced an authoritative report, and offered a solution."

He warned that if the Interim Waste Authority (IWA) is scrapped, there is the danger of having a dump in Markham.

Usman says his party's platform is "precise, with time lines, commitments and the cost of everything. It is practical, affordable" and feasible.

He says voters are concerned about the deficit and jobs, with students worried about skyrocketing tuition fees and poor employment opportunities. Seniors, he says, are concerned about health care and pensions. All those issues, he says, are addressed in the Liberal red book of policies.

The Liberal party, he says, considers small business vital, responsible for creating 80 per cent of employment.

He advocates scrapping the IWA and JobsOntario, and cutting political staff and some services to MPPs.

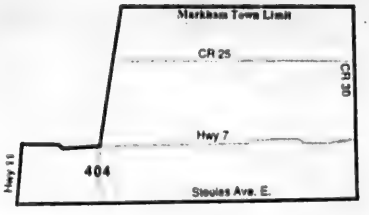
Tsubouchi is the only candidate with political experience, having been a councillor for Markham's Ward 5 from 1988 to 1994.

For voters, taxes are the main issue, he has found.

"Their back is against the wall. They can't afford to pay more taxes," he says.

The deficit and job creation are other main concerns.

He believes the unemployed want meaningful work in areas they are trained for, "not just make-work jobs."



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Ontario Election '95

Sorbara's retirement leaves York Centre open

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN — Al Palladini is well known in the Toronto area for his eponymous Woodbridge car dealership, but recently his name has been seen on Conservative party provincial election campaign posters in Vaughan and Richmond Hill.

Palladini, 51, decided to enter politics "because of the opportunities given to me by this province."

He is joined in the race by two other first-time provincial candidates, Liberal Mario Ferri (a former separate school board trustee), and Joseph Thevarkunnel for the Conservatives.

Mario Ferri

Al Palladini

Joseph Thevarkunnel

Gregory Sorbara, who has held the riding for the Liberals since 1985, is not seeking re-election.

The riding, which has a sizable Jewish population concentrated in Thornhill and to a lesser extent, in Richmond Hill, has over 100,000 voters, a larger number than any other riding in Ontario.

Palladini accuses the current NDP government of financial "mismanagement" because of its huge deficit. Both in York Centre and province-wide, the biggest issue is job creation, he told *The CJN*.

"Our last two governments have done a great job of driving business and industry away," he added.

Palladini is in favor of a proposed free trade agreement between Israel and Canada. "It could definitely create jobs for Ontario."

Other issues which concern him include tax reduction. He maintains that the Conservative party's proposed 30 per cent tax cut is realistic and he encourages voters to take an hour to read the party's "Common Sense Revolution."

York Centre is home to Keele Valley, Canada's largest dump site, and the Tories are exploring alternative solutions for waste management, Palladini said.

Jobs and growth are the major issues in this election, says Liberal candidate Ferri, 47, executive director of a Scarborough community centre.

He bases that on seven community forums which he's hosted since opening his campaign office in January.

Education is another priority for him, particularly with respect to duplication of services.

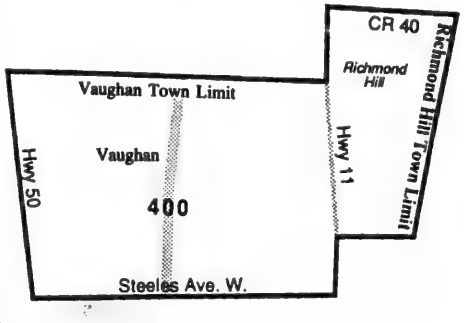
Ferri said he's made it clear that funding for independent schools is "a major concern" in York Centre. The Liberal party has agreed to a task force that will study the issue, he said.

Joseph Thevarkunnel, a 59-year-old teacher, has lived in Richmond Hill for 13 years. He emigrated from India 24 years ago.

As an NDP candidate, he would strive to eliminate racism and violence and work towards a society that is "growing and competitive on the international market."

He lauded Ontario Premier Bob Rae's "courage and decision-making power. The problems [he faced] were more than what everybody thought."

Thevarkunnel's wife, a hospital nurse, lost $5,000 in income when she was forced to take "Rae Days" off work. "But I am happy," the candidate said, "because a number of junior [nurses] are still working because of Rae Days."



PREVIOUS ELECTION RESULTS

1990		1987	
Greg Sorbara (Lib)	28,056	Greg Sorbara (Lib)	27,096
Laurie Orrett (NDP)	18,850	Doug Mason (PC)	8,605
Dion McQuire (PC)	14,656	Joe Licastro (NDP)	7,692
Plurality	**9,206**	**Plurality**	**18,491**
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Ontario Election '95

Economy tops list in York Mills

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Economic concerns top the list of issues for the provincial election candidates in Metro's York Mills riding.

Incumbent Conservative MPP David Turnbull, 53, who has represented the mostly affluent suburban riding for the past five years, is being challenged by Liberal David MacNaughton and NDP hopeful Lesley Durham, both seeking office for the first time.

Turnbull, a native of Newcastle, England, has a business background. He has lived in York Mills for 20 years.

The riding houses two synagogues, the Orthodox Kehillat Shaarei Torah and Temple Emanu-El.

In a *CJN* interview, Turnbull stressed that the Tories' plan would mean no cutbacks in health care, law enforcement or classroom education. He also noted that the party plans to eliminate the employer health tax to encourage small business to create new jobs.

Turnbull thinks a proposed free trade agreement between Canada and Israel would be "absolutely magnificent. Israel is a logical partner, because they've got good technology and products we can use, and we've got products they can use."

The issue of funding for Jewish schools, currently before the courts, is not one on which the Conservative party has taken a position, said Turnbull. He believes there should be "some recognition" of the parents' financial burden.

Hate-related activity, while minimal in York Mills, is an issue about which he feels strongly. He is "particularly offended" by Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel.

MacNaughton, 46, a longtime Liberal who has served the party as an advisor, is a former public relations and communications company executive. He believes party leader Lyn McLeod has "the right combination of toughness, brains and compassion."

He agrees with Turnbull that Ontario's deficit must be brought under control, but he disputes the Conservative party's proposal for 30 per cent tax cuts, alleging they "would simply mean cuts in services down the road."

He believes the government should focus on controlling spending, and said it would take "a good four years" to avoid hurting the economy and taking away jobs.

MacNaughton also stressed the need to keep York Mills safe by dealing with poverty and illiteracy, as well as by keeping dangerous offenders off the streets.

Durham, 35, is a proponent of community-based policing and stricter laws on hate-related crime.

A technical support supervisor and training coordinator at Delrina Corp., Durham has been affiliated with the NDP for the past five years, following a work stint in Colombia. The high crime rate and large gap between rich and poor there prompted her to become politically involved here.

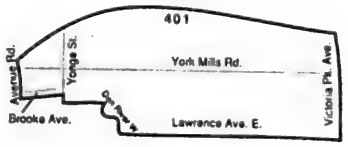
Lesley Durham

David MacNaughton

David Turnbull

PREVIOUS ELECTION RESULTS

1990		1987	
David Turnbull (PC)	13,037	Brad Nixon (Lib)	14,272
Brad Nixon (Lib)	10,390	Gordon Chong (PC)	11,975
Marcia McVea (NDP)	4,830	Steve Shorter (NDP)	3,195
Plurality	2,647	Plurality	2,297
Voter Turnout	68.3%	Voter Turnout	67.8%



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Ontario Election '95

Ginsberg vies for Fort York seat

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Joel Ginsberg says he got "fed up" with levels of spending and waste at Queen's Park, so he decided to do something — run for office.

A 40-year-old lawyer, Ginsberg is one of just a handful of Jewish Progressive Conservative candidates in the Ontario election. He's running in the downtown Toronto riding of Fort York, currently held by Rosario Marchese of the NDP.

Also seeking the nod are Liberal Bob Wong, who held the seat from 1987 to 1990 and was energy and citizenship minister under former premier David Peterson, and John Steele campaigning for the Communist League.

In the last two provincial votes, the Tories were a distant third in the riding, but Ginsberg is confident that disenchantment with Bob Rae's NDP and only lukewarm support for the Liberals will mean a win for the Tories and leader Mike Harris.

Jobs and the economy are primary concerns in Fort York, Ginsberg told *The CJN*.

That's why, he says, Harris's "common sense revolution" makes sense. The Tories' platform of slashing provincial taxes and spending, and loosening government red tape will help nurse the economy back to health, Ginsberg believes.

The riding encompasses the downtown core, including the Toronto Islands, Chinatown, the financial district and the old Jewish Kensington area. The population is evenly divided between homeowners and tenants — many in subsidized housing — and there's a large Portuguese community.

It's bound by Toronto Harbour, west to Sherbourne Street, east along College Street to Bathurst, north to Bloor Street and south along Ossington Avenue and Dovercourt Road.

A resident of North York, Ginsberg says the Tories' plan to eliminate a tax on employers with payrolls of less than $400,000 will stimulate the many small businesses in the riding.

Joel Ginsberg

Other Conservative policies, like welfare reform and job retraining, mean "a hand up, not a handout. I'm appalled when I see panhandlers and pregnant girls begging. That just shouldn't exist. We will help those who need help the most but we will cut handouts."

Other key Tory policies for Ginsberg include balancing Ontario's budget within five years, ridding the education ministry of "dead wood" and scrapping Ontario's employment equity law.

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Ontario Election '95

Elinor Caplan running hard to hold onto Oriole riding

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

Elinor Caplan

Paul Sutherland

David Cox

TORONTO — It's been 10 years since Elinor Caplan was elected Oriole's Jewish MPP, and she figures voters know her pretty well.

"I'm not afraid to speak up, and they know that about me," she says after a rainy, early morning stumping session at a GO station.

Caplan, 51, is banking on her reputation for hard work and outspokenness to carry the June 8 vote.

She's running against PC candidate Paul Sutherland and David Cox for the NDP. The Green Party hopeful is Don Roebuck.

The 39,152 voters in the riding, which contains Jewish pockets off Finch Avenue West between Leslie and Don Mills, have put their trust behind Caplan three times, a trust she says she hasn't let down.

A former health minister, she points to the $20-million expansion of North York General Hospital's emergency department in 1989 and the addition of 60 long-term care beds at the North York Seniors Centre as proof of her commitment to her constituents' health care.

And she's committed to her party's stated goal to reduce the cost of doing business with the government by 50 per cent.

"Government has not always understood the need to get out of the way ... particularly with small businesses."

Giving business and constituents a break is just as important for Sutherland.

"I don't agree that we have to stay among the highest-taxed people in North America," he says.

Sutherland, 40, has been a North York councillor since 1985 and acting mayor since 1991. He says 10 years of "frustration" with the provincial government prompted him to run in Oriole.

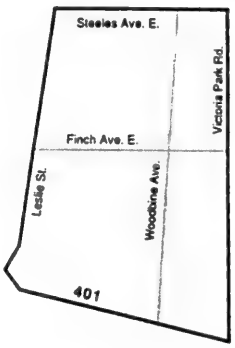
Well known among North York residents for engineering a municipal tax freeze in 1990, Sutherland promises Ontarians similar results.

He would help cut taxes 30 per cent, eliminate the "over-governance" of the Greater Toronto Area, get rid of the employer health tax for small businesses — "a real killer" — and roll back the deficit to pre-1985 levels; all of which should stimulate the economy and attract foreign investors, he says.

For Cox, the 34-year-old NDP standard bearer, the vote boils down to protecting health care and job creation programs. He sees his opponents "in a bidding war to see who can offer you the biggest tax cuts" when services instead need to be preserved.

Cox, who has worked at Queen's Park for four years, is counting on traditional NDP support from the Peanut Plaza and Van Horne Avenue areas, as well as vote splitting between the Liberals and PCs, to win the riding.

An all-candidates meeting is scheduled for May 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Highland Junior High School, 201 Cliffwood Rd.



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Lennox Farrell (NDP)	8,441	Fredelle Brief (PC)	5,659
Sam Billich (PC)	5,436	Judy Rebick (NDP)	4,470
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From coast to coast

Schoenfeld has positive outlook after 100 years

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In a voice deepened by age, but lightened by a touch of humor, Joachim Schoenfeld reflects on his upcoming 100th birthday, which he celebrates this week with friends and family.

Sitting in his book-filled study, he makes light of the infirmities of old age, referring to his motorized scooter as "my Rolls-Royce."

In the apartment he shares with his Russian-born wife Valentina, whom he married three years ago, he makes his way from one room to another slowly, but unaided. Last year he was named honorary director of the condominium.

Born May 24, 1895 in the Galician shtetl of Sniatyn, Schoenfeld studied economics in Vienna, served in the Austrian army during World War I, and became financial director of a Polish nail and wire manufacturers' conglomerate in Warsaw in 1930.

His first wife, Ola, and their only children, Zygmunt and Stefan, along with Zygmunt's fiancee, were victims of the Holocaust.

Schoenfeld, who was imprisoned in the Janowski concentration camp, remarried after the war and set about building a new life with his second wife, Tanya. Of that process he says only that the transition "was not an easy one."

Joachim Schoenfeld

His wartime experiences are detailed in *Holocaust Memoirs*, a book he completed 10 years ago, at the age of 90. It was published simultaneously with his other book, *Shtetl Memoirs*, a rich account of everyday life in his childhood hometown.

Although Schoenfeld started committing his Holocaust memories to paper immediately after the war, it took a long time before he was convinced that anyone "would care" about a new Holocaust book.

Prompted by a niece visiting from Australia and fuelled by the need to bear witness in the face of increasing Holocaust denial, Schoenfeld "hastened to finish" the books because of his advanced age. "I never expected to live to 100," he said.

Working from notes jotted on scraps of paper, Schoenfeld alternated between one subject and the other, switching from the Holocaust to the shtetl when he needed to "relax."

He wrote the books in English, one of seven languages in which he is fluent.

Schoenfeld and his second wife spent several years in Israel, but decided to emigrate to Canada because of the climate and better job opportunities.

Schoenfeld has been back to Israel often and is a keen follower of the Middle East situation.

"Israel has been criticized for accepting some of Arafat's conditions, but I am afraid that Israel has no other way. It must reach peace — not only with the Palestinians but with [surrounding] Arab countries," he said.

Before settling in 1957 in Hamilton, where they stayed for 12 years, the Schoenfelds spent an interim period in Munich, Germany. There Schoenfeld, at the age of 60, pursued PhD studies in Economics until his immigration papers came through.

"Canada — if we forget the time of 'None is too many' and look at how it is today — is one of the best places to live for everyone," he enthuses.

Schoenfeld, who took a job as a bookkeeper within days of his arrival in Canada, worked to the age of 84.

Despite his positive attitude, he speaks wistfully of the days before telephones, televisions, radios and computers.

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A smile, says Dr. Philips, is a science and an artform. The "perfect smile" is one in which the upper edge of the teeth follow the upward curve of the lower lip line. It is also defined by measurements and proportions in relation to the other facial features

Most often the type of look that professionals ask for is not the Hollywood smile of glittering white pearly teeth, but rather a full natural smile that is used to soften difficult confrontational moments in business, says Dr. Philips. These individuals perceive a need for an improved smile to complement their business mannerisms and to address corporate structure where peer pressure dictates, "to be successful you must look successful."

An initial half-hour consultation, which costs $85 and may be covered by many dental plans, is performed to identify the problems, determine what can be done and for how much. Before-and-after computer images and molds of the teeth might be made to show what the dental makeover would look like.

Dr. Philips, who lectures on cosmetic dentistry, says new techniques have changed the face of esthetic dentistry.

"Now, many simple defects or problems can be corrected without braces, extraction or surgery that couldn't be done 15 years ago," notes Dr. Philips, who gives public talks and has appeared numerously on radio and television.

Esthetic dentistry can involve a number of procedures that vary in cost and complexity. A gingivectomy (cutting back the gums) will "lengthen" small teeth to create a fuller smile. Composite resin or porcelain veneers can be bonded to the teeth to correct shape, spacing and colour imperfections. Yellow or discoloured teeth can also be whitened.

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TO LIFE

Steeles Memorial Chapel 68 Years of Community Involvement

Steeles Memorial Chapel was founded in 1927 as a community organization, to provide the Jewish public with dignified funerals at a reasonable cost. The earliest locations were in the heart of the Jewish community at the time, first on Bathurst St., then nearby on College St. When the community moved north, so did College Memorial Chapel, changing its name to Steeles Memorial Chapel to mark the move.

During the almost seven decades since its founding, Steeles Memorial has broadened its mandate to include ongoing support of many charities and institutions. All members of the Board of Trustees are representatives of Jewish organizations.

Although it is financially self-supporting, Steeles Memorial Chapel does not keep one penny of its profits. Once staff, maintenance and operating expenses have been accounted for, every cent of every remaining dollar is donated to charity. Members of the Board of Trustees are all volunteers from community organizations.

Among the Jewish organizations to which Steeles donates money are ORT, the Reena Foundation, the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Syrian Jewry, the Jewish Russian Community Centre, the Jewish Public Library, Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, and Chabad Lubavitch of Ontario. Schools, yeshivot, camps and synagogues are also among the beneficiaries.

Besides donating to organizations, Steeles Memorial offers help to needy families and individuals on an informal basis, with money for Shabbat meals, or meals for the Seder and other religious festivals. Steeles also buys phylacteries for indigent people, and supplies Meals on Wheels to the sick and aged.

For the benefit of Jewish hospital patients, Steeles has set in motion a plan to open chapels in hospitals. Currently they are building two, one at Sunnybrook and another at Branson. In time, they hope to provide every hospital in Toronto with a Jewish chapel.

At present, the Board of Trustees are also looking into the idea of a chapel at Toronto International Airport, so that observant Jews can daven Mincha and Maariv in the evening and Shacharit in the morning, or say Kaddish. In addition, such a chapel would make it easier for Jews from out of town to establish connections with the Toronto community.

Steeles Memorial also sees itself as part of the larger Canadian society. Donations are made to non-Jewish charities, such as the Salvation Army, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the AIDS Committee of Toronto, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Diabetes Society, and a number of other medical research foundations. Moreover, Steeles donates to Toronto General, Toronto Western, the Hospital for Sick Children and many other hospitals in the Toronto area.

It is the policy of the Board of Trustees that if a Jewish child under 18 dies, there is no cost for the funeral. At such a time, says Executive Director Ken Bodenstein, grief and the disorientation that comes from loss are more than enough to deal with; the family does not need any other problems. No other Jewish funeral chapel in North America has this policy.

In sum, Steeles Memorial is involved in every aspect of Jewish life, and at the same time innovative in its approach to tzedakah. While resources are not bottomless, no worthy cause goes unconsidered; and new ideas in charitable work are constantly being looked at.

Steeles is sensitive to the needs of the living. Currently, for example, a bereavement committee is being planned, to counsel people through grief and mourning, so that they will find it easier to reclaim their lives.

To put it in plain words: every funeral which goes to Steeles Memorial is also helping a large number and variety of worthy causes. Not only is the deceased kept alive in name, so are many organizations which improve the quality of life for the poor, the sick, children and the aged.

Steeles Memorial believes it is essential to offer options and flexibility to the bereaved. Full service is available, in which Steeles will handle every detail that must be dealt with. Alternatively, they can offer more modest, more affordable arrangements. Every attention is paid to the wishes of the bereaved.

Whatever the choice, one thing isnot flexible: all funerals are in strict accord with halachic tradition.

The President of Steeles Memorial is Mike Rogow; the Executive Director is Ken Bodenstein. Steeles Memorial Chapel is located at 350 Steeles Avenue West, in Thornhill. For information please call (905) 881-6003 or (416) 733-2000.

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Canadian Society for Yad Vashem is pleased to invite you to join our Guest of Honour, The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien, Prime Minister of Canada, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Liberation of Europe and the Death Camps and to honour the Memory of the 6 million who perished.

The Right Honourable Jean Chrétien,
Prime Minister of Canada

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem is proud to establish the Canadian Chair for World Holocaust Studies & the Dan Family Multimedia Centre at the Central School of Holocaust Studies (Canada Pavilion) at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. This multi-faceted project affirms our commitment to teach the "Holocaust" to future generations.

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What's New

DEADLINE REMINDER
What's New and About People deadlines — Thursday, May 25 is deadline for June 8 issue; Thursday, June 1, is deadline for June 15 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, May 25

LEO BAECK FUNDRAISER
Leo Baeck fundraiser, Stars, includes entertainment, dancing and silent auction, at 7 p.m. Temple Sinai. 905-709-3636.

Saturday, May 27

SINGLES CELEBRATION
Singles and friends (25-40) celebrate Yom Yerushalayim with cafe-style evening of music, wine, desserts and stories of Heavenly Jerusalem by **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**, 10 p.m., Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd. Couvert $10. RSVP 483-0883.

MUSIC, DANCE, COMEDY
Na'amat Canada clubs Aviva, Simcha, Kadima and Zemora evening of entertainment stars singer **Michael Danso** accompanied by Norman Amadio Trio, 8:30 p.m., Borochov Cultural Centre. $18 in advance, $20 at door. **Doris** 905-771-7988. Proceeds support battered women and children.

BENEFIT FOR TREES
Free concert featuring five bands — Brother Vibe, Project 9, Desire, Guava Jelly, Unknown Legend, 8:30-10:30 p.m., Mel Lastman Square. Proceeds from donations, sale of T-shirts, to JNF.

Sunday, May 28

EYE ON THE UNIVERSE
Celebrate Yom Yerushalayim keeping an Eye on the Universe with **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, 8:30 p.m., Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clarke Ave. W. 905-886-5730.

YIDDISH KULTUR
Yiddish Kultur Geselshaft presents Jewish historian-bibliographer **Zachary Baker** lecturing on Present Revival of Jewish Cultural Activities in Eastern Europe, 8 p.m., Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

JEWS FOR JUDAISM
All-day Counter-Missionary Survival seminar, Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4600 Bathurst St. Register 789-2851.

SISTERHOOD MEETING
Adath Sholom Synagogue Sisterhood general meeting guest speaker **Marion Wyse** speaks on Why Christians Hate Jews — They Think G-d Wants Them Too, 9:30 a.m., 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

KABBALAH BRUNCH
Rabbi Matityahu Glazerson speaks on Jerusalem, Jericho and Hebron — Three Sides of a Mystical Triangle at a brunch celebrating Yom Yerushalayim, Anshe Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market. Davening 9:15 a.m., brunch program 11 a.m. $15. Reservations 595-5723 or 789-7242.

WINGATE BRANCH
General Wingate branch, Royal Canadian Legion, breakfast nosh 9:30 a.m., meeting 10.

CONCERT READING
Medina Theatre Ensemble of Bloor JCC concert reading of new Canadian play, *There Comes a Time* by **Fran Elliot** and **Roselle Stone**, directed by **Sylvia Lennick**, 7:30 p.m., Bloor JCC. Members $5, non-members $7. 633-2057.

PNAI MEETING
Parents of North American Israelis (PNAI) meeting, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 7:30 p.m., **Dr. Joel Miller** disusses and shows slides of his recent mission to China.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY
Abraham Kass, personal, marital and family therapist, speaks at Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, 8 p.m. 905-771-1087.

GIANT PRE-BAZAAR SALE
Haifa chapter, Emunah Women, pre-bazaar sale with large selection of mainly new, fashionable, good quality clothing for the entire family, toys, handbags and more, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 31 Ridgevale Dr. (Bathurst-Prince Charles).

GRAND SOCIETY
GRAND Society meeting with family law lawyer **Paul Pellman**, 1 p.m., 16 Spadina Rd. Non-members $5 at door.

REDEEMING A CAPTIVE
In support of Mitzvah Pidyon Shvuyim (Redeeming a Captive), Sephardi Group presents **Esther Pollard** speaking on behalf of her husband **Jonathan Pollard**, 7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St., fourth floor. $7 admission. **Smadar** 905-771-9624.

Monday, May 29

SONE MEMORIAL LECTURE
Dr. Dorothy Sone and Abby J. Sone Memorial Lecture, Is This All There Is? with author/lecturer **Lori Palatnik**, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Congregation.

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH
Women's Rosh Chodesh celebration, Orthodoxy and Feminism — The Societal and the Divine, Part 2, with **Rachel Turkienicz** 7 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

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From coast to coast

What's New

Maariv for and by women following shiur.

SONGS OF ZION

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Sisterhood celebrates Yom Yerushalayim 5755 and Jerusalem 3000 with musical presentation, Songs of Zion — Yearning for Jerusalem with **Naomi Bell** and a movie *Jerusalem as Soul of a People*, 8 p.m. Hostess **Cynthia Burke**. Members $2, non-members $3. RSVP 633-3838 or **Gloria Goldberg** 630-4779.

YIVO INSTITUTE

Zachary Baker, head librarian, YIVO Institute, New York, speaks at joint meeting of Friends of Yiddish and Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Tuesday, May 30

THE MIDDLE EAST

Robert Satloff, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, discusses Between the Old and the New Middle East at Canada-Israel Committee meeting, 8 p.m. Adath Israel Congregation.

JEWISH CHORAL MUSIC

Highlighting the theme for 1995 Zimriah-Festival of Jewish Choral Music, Isaiah's Vision of Peace, Jewish Music Toronto concert features world premiere of Toronto composer **Louis Applebaum's** *A Vision of Peace*, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. Choir conducted by **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**.

ABOUT MODESTY

The Revealing Truth About Modesty, 8 p.m. class, Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Promenade Mall, Suite 303. 636-7530.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

Kashruth Council of Toronto Kosher Cooking School offers Exciting Pareve Holiday Menu, 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. $15. 635-9550.

Wednesday May 31

INVESTING IN ISRAEL

At Canada Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry luncheon, noon to 2 p.m., Crowne Plaza Hotel, 225 Front St. W. **Harvey Krueger**, Lehman Brothers, speaks on Investing in Israel. Members $55, non-members $65. 961-7302.

SPRING SUMMER FASHIONS

Dr. Abraham Shore Academy She'arim Hebrew Day School presents Collection '95 Spring and Summer Fashions, 8 p.m. Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation $5. **Klara** 633-8247.

BOWLING EVENING

Bialik Hebrew Day School Parents Association spring fundraiser, 7:30 p.m. Bathurst Bowlerama, 2788 Bathurst St. $30. **Carole Gruson** 785-5679.

BOOK REVIEW

Found Treasures: Stories of Yiddish Women Writers edited by **Freda Forman, Ethel Raicus, Sarah Silverstein Swartz** and **Margie Wolfe** reviewed by **Ruby Newman**, Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, 8 p.m. Temple members $5, non-members $10. RSVP **Olivia** 789-3291.

Thursday, June 1

THE VOICES OF SINAI

Rabbi Dini Lewittes, advisor to students, Rabbinical School, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, speaks on The Voices of Sinai: A Dialogue Between Women, God and Tradition, 8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

And What Else Is New...

KABBALAH SHABBATON

Rabbi Matityahu Glazerson of Jerusalem, author, teacher and interpreter of Jewish mysticism, is featured speaker at a Kabbalah Shabbaton beginning Friday, May 26, 6:30 p.m. and continuing May 27 at Anshei Minsk Congregation, 10 St. Andrew St., Kensington Market. Topics include Music and Kabbalah; Torah, Light and Healing; and Love and Marriage. Cost with three Shabbat meals $40. Per session rates available. Register 595-5723 or 789-7242.

SHAVUOT LEARNING

Ohr Somayach Thornhill Shavuot Learning Marathon, midnight June 3-4 to 5 a.m., 613 Clarke Ave. W., Thornhill, begins with lecture by **Rabbi Baruch Taub** of Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, concludes with Shacharit morning service. Men's and women's programs by Ohr Somayach lecturers rabbis **Becher and Rothman** and **Rebbetzin Rena Schochet**. No charge. 905-886-5730.

BLOOD DONOR CLINICS

Blood donor clinics Monday, May 29, 2-8:30 p.m. at Bathurst Jewish Centre, and Tuesday, May 30, 3-8 p.m. Beth Tzedec Congregation, banquet hall.

FRIENDS OF LANIADO

Toronto Friends of Laniado Hospital, Netanya, tribute dinner in memory of Laniado founder, the Sanz Klauzenberg Rebbe and first medical director **Dr. Joseph Weil**, with speaker **Israel Singer**, secretary general, World Jewish Congress, music by pianist **Shaya Petroff**, violinist **Youri Zaldenberg**, cellist **Grigory Goldberg**, Wednesday, June 7, 7 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clarke Ave. W., Thornhill. Reservations, 256-0488, ext. 239.

YIDDISH PANORAMA

Yiddish Panorama, 1000 Years of Yiddish Language, Literature and Culture exhibit presented by University of Toronto Jewish Studies Program and U of T Library, is at Robarts Library, 130 St. George St. to May 31.

LEARNING EXCHANGE

Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd., Suite 203, lectures — Jerusalem: Centre of the Universe by **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**, Sunday, May 28, 9:30-10:30 a.m., and Don't Tell Anyone, But ... Issues of Confidentiality with **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, Tuesday, May 30, 8-9 p.m., 483-0883.

GAY, LESBIAN STUDENTS

The Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students will not be running weekly peer support group meetings through the summer. Watch for news of changes in August. Jewish Student Federation 736-5179 or 925-9872, ext. 2114.

WEEKEND RETREAT

Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue and Kehillot Shaarei Torah present a Weekend Retreat with **Rabbi Reuven Tradburks** June 23-25 at Maple Lake Resort and Convention Centre, Parry Sound. Theme is Jewish Ethics and Contemporary Dilemmas. 229-2600 or 789-3213.

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

Beth Sholom Synagogue Youth Department is looking for energetic, enthusiastic leaders as advisors for USY and Kadima groups. Applicants should have some leadership experience. 783-6103 days or 781-5449 evenings.

CARAVAN PASSPORTS

Passports to Jerusalem Pavilion and 39 other pavilions of Metro International Caravan are available for purchase by phoning B'nai Brith Canada 633-6224. Prior to June 10, $12 for entire Caravan week; $14 after June 10.

SOLEL-MISSISSAUGA

Friday, June 2, regular service 8:30 p.m. with a number of young people speaking about Judaism on university campuses. Saturday, June 3, Shavuot service, 8:30 p.m., also honoring Jews by Choice. Sunday, June 4, 10 a.m., family Shavuot service, and children planting trees in the courtyard. Friday, June 16, regular service 8:30 p.m. with guest **Rabbi Daniel Gottlieb**. Regular services also Friday, June 23, 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, June 3, 10, 17 and 24, 10 a.m. Family services Friday, June 9 and 30, 7:30 p.m. 905-820-5915.

Alumna Canadian Israeli Club, 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). May 29, a two-day trip to Windsor and Memorial Centre of the Holocaust in Michigan. Members $135, non-members $170. Reservations, **A. Dahary** 661-4689.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group, alternate Fridays, 9:30-10:45 a.m., boardroom. Next meeting May 26. **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

LZA Seniors Club has tickets for *Harvey* at Stage West June 21. Register for trip to Catskills Pines Hotel, July 27-Aug. 6, **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club — Current events group sponsored by North York Board of Education, Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m. Trips — Buffalo, June 13; Art Park for *A Most Happy Fellow* July 19; Stratford for *The Boyfriend* Sept. 27 and *The Gondoliers* Oct. 25. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital, Israel: **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Club Hadar, Mondays and Thursdays, 1-4 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clarke Ave. W., Thornhill. **Viola Landman** 905-886-2625.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club— Saturday dance, May 27, 7-10 p.m.; movie *Les Girls* Wednesday, June 7, 2 p.m.; trips — Kitchener, Wednesday, June 21; Cullen Gardens Thursday, June 29; Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls, Thursday, July 6; Catskills at Raleigh Hotel July 24-30. Club office 395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors 10-day package deal Catskills Pines Hotel July 14-23, $1,020 depending on exchange, medical according to age. **Helen** 635-6343.

CREATIVE LIVING CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute seminar, Monday, May 29, 1:30 p.m., **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich** talks about Shavuot. **Bookie Kwart** 225-2112.

Ways and Means Committee annual Spring Into Summer Fashion Show Wednesday, May 31, 1:30 p.m. Tickets $3 at Information Desk. **Barbara Zigler** or **Winsome Black** 225-2112.

The movie, *Shirley Valentine* Sunday, May 28, 2:30 p.m.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, May 28, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Etrog, Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. **Anna** 225-2112.

HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE

During a brief visit here from Chicago where she is active in interfaith relations for Congregation of Our Lady of Sion, Sister Marge Boyle (second from left) met with (from left) Arnold Friedman, president, Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association; Fanny Pillersdorf, Sabina Citron, vice-president Edith Land, Rose Ehrenworth.

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Lili Marlen's Jewish roots

By REUVEN ASSOR

War-time Rome celebrates Christmas 1944. Thousands of British soldiers on leave from the North Italian front make the air reverberate with song of love and longing. The name of the song, this time sung in English, is *Lilli Marlen*, and it's the very same one that the Nazi soldiers adopted as their favorite.

Even a handful of Jewish soldiers from British Mandatory Palestine sent to Rome for brief frontline training join the singing.

Who was that mysterious Lilli Marlen? Who composed the song named for her?

Unbelievable but true: the most popular song of the Nazi army stemmed from a poem a German soldier had written to his Jewish fiancee sometime during the late 1920s, while performing guard duty at the gates of a Hamburg barracks, craving the next reunion with his loved one.

Today we know the real name of that Jewish girl was not Lilli Marlen but Lilli Marle. She was a pretty actress appearing on a little-known theatre stage in Hamburg, and her soldier boyfriend was Heinz Link, composer of cabaret songs which failed to meet with success.

After leaving his Jewish fiancee, Link published a volume of poems and songs entitled *An Organ Plays in Port*. Again, the collection of songs was not too successful, and many people rated it as trash.

At this point, a young, attractive but not too talented singer entered the picture. She herself later admitted to having had no idea how to sing. "I used to declaim the text against background music, and I was quite happy when the synchronization ended simultaneously."

The name of that dilettante singer was Lalla Andersen. Her father was a seaman from Bremerhaven. She was a young divorcee with two children, and she was looking for work in the entertainment business.

One day, she met a young German by the name of Rudolf Zink. He decided to write the music for some of Link's librettos, including *Lilli Marlen*. He asked Andersen to sing them, but even coming from her lips, Link's songs left the public unmoved.

Meanwhile, Andersen fell in love with a Jewish musician, Robert Mendelsohn, and moved to Switzerland with him. More than once, she was warned by the Nazis to end the romance. When World War II broke out, she was compelled to return to Germany where she resumed her career as a second-rate singer.

In 1941, the Germans conquered Yugoslavia. Shortly afterwards, two armored divisions commanded by Erwin Rommel were sent to the North African front of Libya, as reinforcements to the Italian allies.

A problem arose as to how to keep the Rommel force ideologically sound when the Nazi broadcasting network was unable to reach that far. Radio Belgrade, which had the strongest transmitter in the region, was chosen as a relay station.

The Belgrade-based German director of army broadcasts was 2nd Lt. Karl-Heinz Reitgen. Prior to joining the army, he had been working at Radio Berlin as an announcer of programs of light music.

He made the two-day trip to the nearest German-language broadcasting station, Vienna, and asked for gramophone records. He was handed two boxes of dust-covered records which for years had been piled up in a basement.

Reitgen started broadcasting some of them and was surprised at the enthusiastic reaction generated by *Lilli Marlen*, presented by Lalla Andersen. Thousands of soldiers in the Rommel-led Africa Corps asked for the song over and over again, and made it their unofficial hymn.

Other Wehrmacht units in Russia, Italy and France followed suit. They used to tune in to Radio Belgrade every evening at 9:57 p.m. to hear *Lilli Marlen*. Nazi propaganda minister Josef Goebbels objected to the sentimental song because "it wasn't even a marching song."

The song's success did not stop behind German lines. Soon, British soldiers of Montgomery's 8th Army adopted it in an English version. From the British army, it spread to the U.S. expeditionary forces in Europe, and by the end of the war, had become a song acclaimed by friend and foe. Actress Marlene Dietrich, in entertaining American troops, played a decisive role in promoting the song to top-level popularity.

Andersen herself sang it until the last day of the war, and her career never took off. When she published her memoirs, she called it *Life with One Song* and stage director Reiner Fassbinder subsequently turned her book into a feature film entitled *Lilli Marlen*. It was screened worldwide, Israel included.

Andersen died in 1972, unaware of the tremendous success her book and the film were about to earn.

To this very day, only few people know that the favorite song of the Nazi army was dedicated by a German soldier to his Jewish girlfriend, and that the German chanteuse who gave the song its first push towards fame was the lover of a Nazi-expelled Jewish musician.

VICTORY SHOW
The "victory" show for Jewish servicemen, Montreal, May 1945. [CJC Archives]

Browns killed in fire

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Life-long Zionist Mannie Brown and his wife Libby died May 12 in a fire in their Forest Hill home. Both were 84.

The fire was caused by an electrical system malfunction, the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office said.

The Browns, who belonged to Beth Tzedec synagogue, were remembered as a quiet couple devoted to the Jewish community and to Israel.

"Mannie Brown was an indefatigable worker on behalf of the Beth Tzedec, the Toronto Jewish community and Israel," said Jack Orenstein, executive vice-president of the synagogue.

Libby Brown embroidered the shul's Torah mantles, Orenstein said.

Mannie Brown was still practising law in a one-man office at the time of his death, said son-in-law Jim Bookbinder. He was called to the bar in 1933.

Mannie, who friends said had an intellectual bent, attended weekly Talmud study classes along with his wife for 25 years.

He was founding chair of the Canadian Zionist Camps Association, a vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, president of the Toronto Zionist Council and vice-president of the Toronto Board of Jewish Education. He was also once gabbai and parnass at Beth Tzedec.

"Mannie was a wonderful guy," said fellow Beth Tzedec board life member Harry Lewis, 93. "He did a lot of work and he never argued with anyone. Maybe they needed someone good up above."

The Browns leave son William, daughter Susan Bookbinder and five grandchildren.

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New role for Diaspora Jewry sought by group

Delegation wants to contribute more than money

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — What role can Diaspora fundraisers play in an economically independent Israel? What will be the basis of Jewish solidarity once Israel achieves peace? Will North American youth have anything in common with their Israeli cousins by the turn of the century?

These were some of the questions at the heart of an unusual Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto mission to Israel this month.

The delegation — which brought some 20 high-ranking community members to Israel — was not a fundraising mission, but rather an effort to carve out a new role for Diaspora Jewry in a rapidly-changing Israel.

"The days of Israel under siege are coming to an end. There must be some new basis for our relationship with Israel, something containing real Jewish content," said Rabbi Michael Stroh of Toronto's Reform Temple Har Zion.

Mission co-chair Shoel Silver put it more bluntly. "As our money becomes less important, are we less important?" he asked.

Silver says the traditional role of Diaspora Jews — providing financial support to Israel — is not yet obsolete. "We can't turn our backs on the old role yet because we still have the mission of immigration and absorption before us and because Israel still faces a security threat. But we are getting closer to the day when these will no longer be such critical issues for Israel. And our new role is not yet defined."

During a week of meetings with politicians, journalists, volunteers and educators, the Toronto delegation explored what shape a new Diaspora-Israeli relationship might take.

"As Jews we have something to contribute to Israel besides our money," said Toronto Rabbi Wayne Allen. "We have experience in living in a pluralistic society, in volunteering and in transmission of Jewish identity in non-Orthodox frameworks."

Some Israelis who met the group expressed admiration for the religious tolerance that characterizes North American Jewry. "One member of Knesset said she envied the fact that our delegation could include Reform, Conservative and Orthodox Jews," said Allen.

But some were disappointed by the lack of interest among Israelis. "A leading journalist told us that Diaspora relations is just not an issue here. It does not generate interest, and is rarely the topic of any media coverage," said mission co-chair Judy Gwartz.

Most participants agreed the most promising grounds for a new relationship lie in the area of Jewish education. "This is the thread that unites us," Gwartz said.

Two innovative educational programs were cited as possible models. One was Elul, a Jerusalem yeshivah where secular and religious men and women study together. The other was a program that brings youth from Chicago to Israel to study religious texts together with Israelis of the same age.

The leadership mission also examined the role of the Jewish Agency, which receives the funds raised by UJA and distributes them to various programs. A special session was devoted to examining the impact of Project Renewal, the 13-year-old urban development program that twins North American communities with Israeli ones.

Representatives of all of Toronto's twin neighborhoods — Kfar Gvirol, Beit Dagan, Eilat and Hevel Eilot — expressed lavish praise for the project, saying it transformed their communities.

"The fact that these communities have been able to absorb large numbers of new immigrants so smoothly is due to the development of community leadership and social infrastructure under the aegis of Project Renewal," said Ronit Dolev, director general of the Jewish Agency department that oversees the project.

Silver pointed to Project Renewal as a successful model for Israeli-Diaspora relations. "In Project Renewal, we are directly involved in decision-making that affects Israeli communities. We are stewards of donor money, not just bankers," he said.

However, the project — never intended to run for more than 10 years — is gradually being phased out. In its place, the Jewish Agency has launched Partnership 2,000, another twinning program that matches North American communities with ones in the Negev, Galilee and Jerusalem regions.

The transition from Project Renewal to Partnerhisp 2,000 marks just one difficulty in the effort to forge a new Diaspora-Israeli relationship. "It's a long process," said Silver. "But it's encouraging that people have started to face the issues."

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American ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk plants an almond tree in memory of the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing. [RNS photo]

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Alternative embassy bill introduced

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Incensed by U.S. Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's legislation that would force the United States to begin building an embassy in Jerusalem next year, Senator Dianne Feinstein is about to introduce her own initiative.

A draft of Feinstein's bill removes the most controversial aspect of Dole's proposal — the requirement that the State Department begin construction on an embassy by the end of 1996 or face a loss of 50 per cent of its overseas maintenance budget.

At a congressional hearing on foreign aid last week, Feinstein, who serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said she believed Dole's bill would disrupt the peace process.

A draft of Feinstein's bill declares that "Jerusalem is recognized as the capital of the State of Israel" and that "the United States Embassy belongs in Jerusalem."

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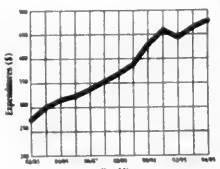

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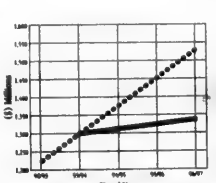
Together, the MSC and BCMA are committed to taking care of health care. Their goal is to control costs and maintain the quality of medical services in British Columbia through an important joint initiative that will make the health care system more efficient. In 1992, a five-year Working Agreement between the MSC, the government, and the BCMA took effect. The short-term goal is to save $383 million over the term of the agreement by keeping projected cost increases down. The long-term goals are even more important: to secure the quality, affordability, equity and sustainability of our health care system for the future.



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- Other improvements are taking place, such as better tracking of trends in use of medical services, monitoring physicians' billing patterns, and ensuring effective use of Pharmacare resources.
- A public education program will encourage all British Columbians to join the MSC and the doctors of B.C. as partners in taking care of health care.

It's everybody's responsibility to use the health care system wisely.

Over the years, we've come to expect a lot from our health care system. We're all using more and more medical services. Nearly 50 million medical services — doctor visits, tests and other procedures — are performed every year in British Columbia. Part of the increase in health care costs is due to this rise in our rate of use. In fact, health care costs are rising faster than can be explained by population growth and aging. Research suggests that no particular group of people is to blame. Much of the increase in medical services is simply due to the fact that we're all placing greater demands on the system.

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May 15:

- The summer session of the Knesset opened. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told Knesset members the status of Jerusalem is not open for debate and that Israel's policy concerning the city will remain as it has been with all previous governments.

- Kol Israel reported the consumer price index rose 0.9 per cent last month, the smallest April increase in 24 years. It also reported the number of tourists had increased 15 per cent since January over the same period a year ago.

- In a ceremony at the Tel Aviv Museum, the government of Israel paid formal tribute to Count Folke Bernadotte of Sweden for his efforts at saving thousands of Jews during World War II. Bernadotte, as a special UN envoy during the time of Mandatory Palestine, was assassinated during a visit to Jerusalem.

May 16:

- The steering committee of the multilateral peace talks opened its semi-annual meeting in Montreux, Switzerland. The talks are intended to cover issues dealing with water, refugees, regional economic development, the environment and arms control.

- Rabin told a Knesset committee that negotiations with Syria appear to be deadlocked. "Israel will never agree" to the geographic parity the Syrians are demanding in security arrangements.

May 17:

- One IDF soldier was killed in an exchange of fire with terrorists in South Lebanon. Three IDF soldiers and one South Lebanese Army soldier were wounded.

- Foreign Ministry officials advised the Knesset aliyah committee they considered the rescue of Syrian Jewry to be officially completed. Of the 4,500 Jews in Syria, approximately 250 are still left, mainly in the Damascus area.

May 18:

- More than 60 members of Jordan's Parliament called for a freeze on implementing the peace treaty with Israel as a result of the Jerusalem-area expropriation.

- Media reported 229 Israeli couples were married on Lag b'Omer.

'Israelnish' produces remarkable results

By MAURY KELMAN

As a native Torontonian with a BA in English, I was under the impression that I had a fair grasp of my native language. In fact, I recall my excitement upon winning my first spelling bee in Grade 1, which stimulated me to reach even higher in my spelling career.

In any event, after moving to Israel, I discovered words and spellings I had never come across in my English language studies. I thought I knew how to spell, yet I soon learned that in Israel, a new form of spelling had been created, known as Israelnish.

Israelnish is what happens when Israelis and the English language mix. This highly volatile interaction has produced some remarkable results. Clearly, the English language will never be the same.

Menus are often a source for creative expression. Over the past couple of years, I have found myself ordering "Girlic Bread" (very unpolitically correct), followed by "Leak Soup" (guaranteed to leave you feeling cleansed), with a main course of "Hamberger Meat" (the kosher chazer), accompanied by "Pried Clean Potatoes" (Dan Quayle, take heart), and "Wild Brown Lice" (a most appetizing hair raiser).

One may choose from a variety of desserts (usually spelled "deserts" in order to induce thirst pangs): "Flesh Fluits" (a touching musical treat), "Chocolate Moose" (a carnivore's delight) or "Treifel" (served at better kosher establishments).

THE TEXTURE OF LIFE IN ISRAEL

Not to be outdone by restaurateurs, shop owners from Eilat to Metulla are attempting to broaden the English language. Moshe's Silver Jewry, Yossi's Automotive Garbage, Eksklusive Kitchenwear, Delishus Fresh Froots, Shwerma King: Store Hours 10-22, and Americann Ice Creem vie with one another in the Israeli Manufacturers' Annual Spelling Bee.

Many of these fine establishments have "saels" throughout the year. Even the American food giant Del-Monte has learned Israelnish, as I discovered recently. Their green peas contain no "additivies" and Del Monte is "registared" in Israel.

This reminded me of the time I spent in one of the Interior Ministry offices (an experience worth its own column), where I was handed an official document from "The Stare of Israel." I decided if you can't beat 'em, join 'em and signed my name "Mary Klaman."

For a long time, I wondered how it was possible for Israelis to commit such blatant errors. If I were to open a store near, let's say, Bathurst and Steeles and wanted to include a Hebrew sign, I would approach the nearest Israeli to verify the spelling. Yet, for some reason, this spellcheck process doesn't seem to happen in Israel. It's not as if there are no English speakers in this country. The last time I checked, it was difficult to find Hebrew speakers in my Jerusalem neighborhood.

In order to solve this puzzle, I decided to venture out and investigate the matter. After an approximately three-minute search for an example of Israelnish, I noticed a bright sign proudly announcing the sale of "Lamp Meat."

Never having tasted this Israeli delicacy, I sought enlightenment from the storeowner. "Lamp meat?" I queried. "Does that come with or without the shade?"

The lamb meat store owner was not pleased when I pointed out his spelling mistake. "What you can teach me about spelling?" he responded in his broken English. "I can spell much better than you English. Yes, I speak much better than you English." Apologizing for my careless folly, I excused myself and resolved to keep my spelling comments to myself in the future.

And thus, each day I uncover new versatility in the English language. From the newspapers to street and store signs, the English language displays its wondrous elasticity in this modern land of wonders. And I remain silent, hopeful that one day I, too, can reach the spelling fluency of my lamp friend, when I will tell some poor Canadian visitor, "I do spell and can speak much English better than you."

Maury Kelman is the director of Yavne Olami in Jerusalem.

Hershon surprised by victory

[Cont'd. from page 1]

their registration — all within the letter of Congress law — was a means of making Congress more democratic.

As bitter as this defeat was for Hecht, 65, he phoned Hershon early and later came down to the convention floor to publicly shake her hand.

Although he claimed the system was biased, Hecht said he would not contest the results "because I do not want to divide the community."

Hecht was doubtful that he would continue on Congress' national executive committee, which he joined about a year ago, and will resign as president of the Canada-Israel Committee, Quebec region.

Perhaps no one was as surprised by Hershon's victory, as she herself. "I was in shock," she said, and had not even prepared an acceptance speech.

Although only the second woman president (Dorothy Reitman was the first nine years ago), Hershon said she did not believe gender was an issue in the campaign.

Hershon, who has stressed she wishes to be a "teammate" who "seeks consensus," had only put her nomination for president forward the day before the deadline in April, having originally planned to run for secretary.

As for criticism from the Hecht camp that she had an unfair advantage as plenary chair (which she resigned after her nomination submission), Hershon, a 16-year Congress volunteer, said: "What does a plenary chair do? The garbage work — planning meals, booking rooms, working on registration. It's not glamorous work."

Opening her acceptance speech in Yiddish, Hershon praised Hecht as "truly caring for the community" and wished he would continue to work with Congress.

The budgetary constraints Congress faces is her number one concern, she said, and appealed to the Council of Jewish Federations (Canada), which oversees national allocations, to recognize the importance of Congress' role.

Over the 1992-95 fiscal period ending June 30, Congress took a cut of about $480,000, down to its current annual budget of just under $3.2 million.

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Child Support: New Idea Spells Chaos *PART 1 OF 2*

The federal government appears to be prepared to introduce amendments to Canada's *Divorce Act* that will radically affect every parent who pays and receives child support.

Currently, periodic child support that is court ordered or agreed upon in writing is included as taxable income in the hands of the recipient (usually a woman) and deducted from the taxable income of the payer (usually a man). In cases where the parties are well represented by knowledgeable lawyers, the settlements or court orders for child support are usually fair, taking into account both the child's actual costs and the parties' respective abilities to defray those costs. They also incorporate a sophisticated tax calculation under which *the husband also pays his wife's taxes arising from the support payment* —a little known fact that has eluded the media.

Unfortunately, many recipient spouses didn't have proper representation or had judges who, in calculating child support, failed to make sufficient allowance for the inclusion of a support payment in the wife's taxable income.

For such women, the amounts agreed upon or ordered are unfair. Even among the women who do have support orders with a proper tax component, many cannot "set aside" that portion of their monthly support cheque to give to the government. For some it is a lack of discipline. For others, the standard of living is simply not what it used to be prior to separation. The temptation to use the tax part of the support payment for other purposes is often too hard to resist: "Mommy, why can't I have a new dress or new Walkman like my friend, Shira?" On April 30, the wife's cupboard is often bare.

One of the federal government's proposed new child support ideas is to scrap the deductibility of child support payments by the non-custodial parent and their inclusion in the recipient's income. This may produce a tax windfall to the government of a reported $300 million.

JUNE 8 ISSUE: What happens to this $300 million?

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Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Israel downplays UN vote on Jerusalem

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — Israeli officials are downplaying the significance of the United Nations (UN) Security Council's demand last week that Israel rescind its plan to expropriate roughly 140 acres of Arab-owned land in Jerusalem.

The failed resolution "is very moderate," said Gad Ya'acobi, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations.

Officials expressed gratitude for the American veto, the first in five years.

But the Israelis also noted that in contrast to previous Security Council resolutions, the one voted on 14 to 1 did not condemn Israel.

The resolution ultimately placed before the Security Council was significantly toned down from the original draft proposed by the Palestine Liberation Organization when debate on the issue began.

The final language called upon Israel to rescind the expropriation orders and to refrain from future expropriations. It also reaffirmed support for the peace process.

And unlike most previous UN resolutions critical of Israel, it did not call on the world body to take any further action on the issue.

"The UN has a very well-known, consistent view on Jerusalem," said Ya'acobi, explaining why he was not alarmed that the world body was taking up the issue now.

Ya'acobi said representatives of several Security Council countries came to him after the vote to insist that they were still close friends of Israel and of the peace process, despite their need to take a stand on Jerusalem.

Israel had argued that with Israel and the Palestinians engaged in direct negotiations, it was inappropriate for the Security Council to discuss the issue. Negotiations on Jerusalem are scheduled to take place as part of final-status talks, beginning next year.

That was the view taken by the United States in casting its veto.

Explaining the veto, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher told a Senate committee: "We thought it was important to protect the peace process and prevent institutions outside that process from taking steps that might interfere with it."

The veto prompted harsh reaction around the world.

But Israeli diplomats minimized the significance of the outcry. "It will pass," said one diplomat, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "Give it a week or two," he said, adding that he expected Israel and the Palestinians would soon agree to put the issue behind them.

Meanwhile, however, the Arab League continued its efforts to summon a special meeting of its Jerusalem committee to discuss the issue.

The committe's efforts had reportedly been slowed by the animosity between several of the invited heads of states, but the American veto is said to have renewed the initiative.

Egypt's foreign minister, on a visit in Morocco, which heads the Arab League's Jerusalem committee, condemned the veto.

"It is inappropriate that a veto be used against a resolution which aimed to defend the peace process," he told reporters Thursday.

Jordanian Foreign Minister Abdul-Karim Al-Kabariti said he summoned the American ambassador and used "very harsh language".

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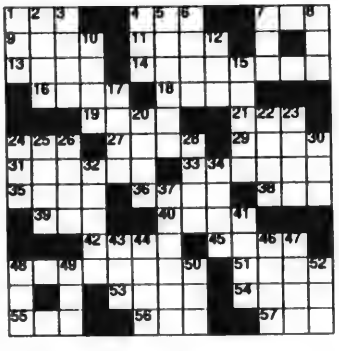

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4 Precedes bounced cheques
7 A frog cannot out of her -
9 Utter
11 Eagle nest
13 Designate
14 Were converted to Judaism by the Hasmonean dynasty
16 Lake - is the reservoir at the Hoover Dam in Nevada
18 Narrow part of structure
19 King Abdulla gave this to Moshe Dayan when the negotiations ended in March 1948
21 Often
24 The Judge who was also a priest
27 Black
29 Noes
31 Nine men and one woman founded this village in 1884
33 Assure
35 Bake bread in this
36 Missing
38 All is fish that comes to the -
39 Scottish name meaning God is gracious
40 A Sephardic colony was settled in this Japanese city
42 Removed by kidneys
45 Precise pruners often practice - heart surgery on their plants
48 Central to Jewish life
51 Yellow leaves on rose in chalk may mean shortage of this
53 Region
54 There is a binary one
55 First - and then trust
56 'Bad' cholesterol
57 Stitch

DOWN

1 A sebaceous cyst
2 Prayer leader
3 The - of song is come
4 Born
5 Australian city that is an eruv
6 Cleaver
7 The best of men are - men at best
8 Step on the -
10 Wear and -
15 Objects of great devotion
17 Sometimes the menorah is placed near this
20 Catch
22 Half man, half animal
23 Northern city
24 Id - superego
25 The sons of - were amongst the sons of light in the Dead Sea scroll
26 View
28 Prefix: foreign
30 To - a thief to catch a thief
32 Boredom
34 The Ark might be hidden on this mountain according to second book of the Hasmoneans
37 Approved
41 Narrative poem
43 Recommended amount
44 Above viscount and below marquis
46 Greek god of love
47 Place leaf can grow
48 Strike while the iron is -
49 Nought - down, nought take up
50 Salt
52 You cannot teach an old dog - tricks

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Israel Travel

Mizpeh Hayamim spa offers a relaxing return to nature

By CARL ALPERT
Special to The CJN

In a country now blessed with more than two million tourists a year, there are still a few treasured spots which have not yet been discovered by overseas visitors.

One of these is the semi-isolated resort and health spa known as Mizpeh Hayamim, nestled in the mountains of the Upper Galilee 10 minutes from Safed.

The place was founded by Dr. E. Jarus, a German Jewish physician who purchased the land in 1927. He practised what today would be called naturopathy, and envisioned Mizpeh Hayamim as a retreat from the pressures of daily life.

In the shadow of Mt. Hermon, facing the Golan Heights, and looking down upon the Huleh Valley, Mizpeh Hayamim allows guests to "return to nature" with healthy vegetarian food and the opportunity for contemplation.

Israelis who used to go to the health spas of Europe have found in the 30-acre estate houses all the usual roster of treatments.

Though sometimes called a temple of health, Mizpeh Hayamim is not a sanatorium. Some come here to lose weight, others to relax and recharge their batteries. The stress is on informality, and guests spend much of their time in lounging robes. There is not a necktie in sight.

There are lectures of interest and trips around the neighborhood, which is drenched in history and mystic spirit. One can visit the nearby tomb of Rabbi Yonatan Ben Uziel, which legend has it, will bring marriage to those who visit.

There are no ashtrays at Mizpeh Hayamim. The diet is strictly vegetarian, but for those who wish it, the desserts are rich and tempting. Dr. Jarus would not have approved.

Mizpeh Hayamim draws a lot of Tel Aviv yuppies and celebrities, but hotel manager Josh Avin says every guest is a celebrity. Avin, a Sabra, studied professional hotel management in the U.S., and worked at the Konover in Miami Beach and the Mondrian in Hollywood. He came back to Israel to manage the Dan Caesarea, and two years ago took over Mizpeh Hayamim.

Recent additions are the art gallery and workshop, where Sami Samarand and his associates, Max and Hayim, produce pottery, ceramics, jewelry and silverware Hotel guests can explore their own latent artistic talents as part of their experience at Mizpeh Hayamim.

The ample grounds are the source of much of the fruit, vegetables and cheeses consumed here. There are only 80 rooms, assuring an atmosphere of intimacy.

In his day Dr. Jarus never advertised. Information was spread by word of mouth, and guests were plentiful. Even today, advertising is minimal, and so Mizpeh Hayamim is one of the secret in-places of the Israelis. One day North American tourists will discover it. Hopefully, they will not spoil it.

Music scene thrives

Israel, where in ancient times King David played the harp, is these days a land with a vibrant music scene that combines the sounds of many cultures in the new, cosmopolitan Israeli society.

The arrival of new immigrants from many countries has had a vast impact on Israel's music scene.

From the former Soviet Union came many musicians, some of whom were able to find employment with several existing orchestras, including the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra.

But many others have taken to performing in the streets. Indeed, on any given day, pedestrian malls in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem are ringing with the sounds of music from every corner.

The former Soviet musicians have also started their own musical ensembles or their own jazz or rock bands, as did the former Soviet rock star Maxim.

There is also a wide variety of musical entertainment performed in nightclubs and discos. In Israel, the big night out on the town is Thursday and nightlife does not really get going until about 9 or 10 p.m.

There are nightclubs that are popular with the Ethiopian newcomers, where the reggae beat is heard into the early hours of the morning.

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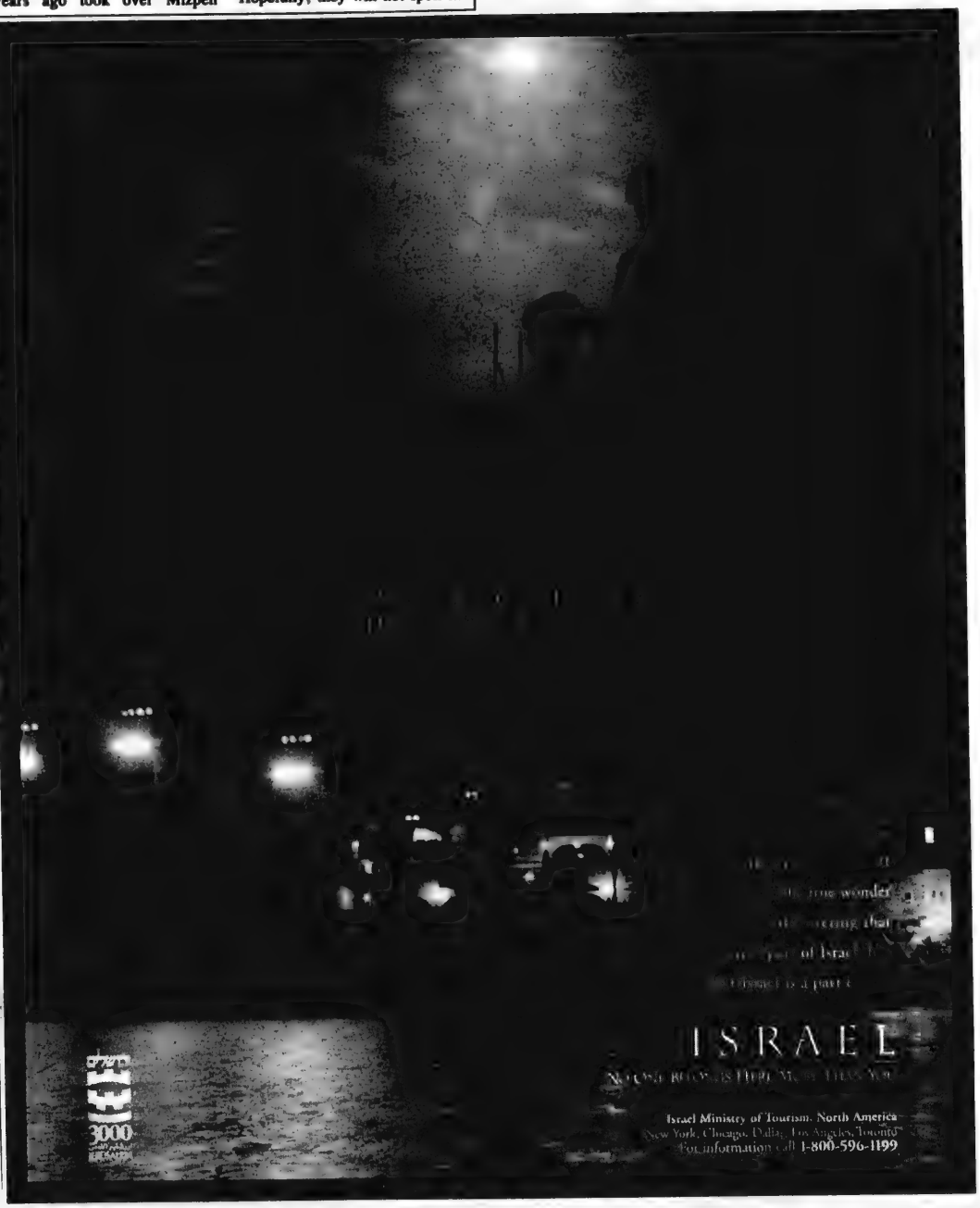
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"Israeli" dolphins studied by Haifa University team

More than 220 sightings of the population of some 9,300 dolphins off the Mediterranean coast of Israel have been reported to Haifa University team studying these marine mammals over the past two years. This is the first time facts and figures about "Israeli" dolphins have been published. The team, led by Oz Goffman, a graduate student in the University's department of marine civilization, presented its findings to a recent meeting of the Israel Zoological Society held in Haifa. The survey of wild dolphins, including data on stranded dolphins, has been carried out since February 1993. The objective of the dolphins research is his basic study. But Goffman also wants to be able to save the stranded dolphins in the area in the future. Most of those inspected were very thin and generally in an unhealthy state. To this end, the team is setting up a safeguard network based on volunteers. [WZPS]

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Jordan-Israel peace agreement will bring joint tourist projects

There will be a Red Sea Riviera and a Lowest Point on Earth Park, among the joint tourist developments that should evolve from the historic Oct. 19 peace agreement between Israel and Jordan.

The U.S.-Jordan-Israel Trilateral Economic Committee recently convened in Jordan for its fifth meeting to discuss cooperation in tourism between Israel and Jordan.

"This is a turning point for our region and all its economic outlook," said Mordechai Benari, international relations director for Israel's tourism ministry. "It is most probable that an increase in tourism will be the first economic outcome of this new step toward peace."

Uzi Michaeli, Israel's tourism commissioner for North America, said regional tourism will rise substantially "very shortly with this new climate of friendship and cooperation between Israel and its neighbor Jordan."

The Red Sea Riviera will constitute a pedestrian promenade running along the Gulf of Aqaba from Aqaba to Eilat, with cafes, restaurants and ticket kiosks for tourist attractions in the area.

The Lowest Point on Earth Park would be a Dead Sea area venture with roads linking Israel and Jordan, health spas and visitor centres for information on historical and archaeological sites in the area.

The Trilateral Economic Committee (TTC) was led by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Jordanian Prime Minister Samer Majali.

Israel's tourism subcommittee delegation was led by ministry director Eli Gonen, with Benari and Negev Tourism Development Authority director Dany Maayan as members.

The subcommittee agreed to build a road across the Rift Valley in 1995, undertaking joint marketing efforts for tourism writers and travel agencies, preserve the natural and historic environment, develop tourism infrastructure in various areas along Jordan's Rift Valley, and create a joint tourism committee to develop a regional tourism master plan.

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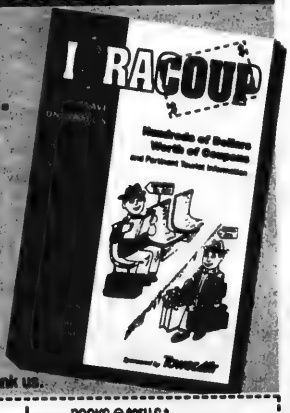

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By Bill Gladstone

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Arts

Plotkin beats the bushes for Jewish festival films

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

Debra Plotkin, director of Toronto's popular Jewish Film Festival, comes by her Yiddishkeit and her affinity for Jewish culture naturally.

Plotkin's father is a rabbi in her hometown of Phoenix, Ariz., her mother is the curator of the Jewish museum in Phoenix, and her sister, Janis Plotkin, heads the 15-year-old San Francisco Jewish film festival.

"In San Francisco, you just see everybody there," says Plotkin. "Young and old, gay and straight, Jewish and non-Jewish, secular and observant. There's a real sense of community. For some people, the festival provides the only Jewish holiday they have."

The numbers aren't in yet, but Plotkin estimates that the week-long Toronto festival, which has just concluded its third season, drew between 10,000 and 12,000 people to the 948-seat Bloor Street Theatre. Again, Jewish films seem to bring out an audience that Plotkin calls wonderfully diverse.

"There are a lot of young people in their 20s, and we also have a lot of people in their 80s. From our questionnaires, we've determined that over 50 per cent of our audience are not associated with a temple or synagogue.

"We get the downtown unaffiliated crowd and the North York, Willowdale, Forest Hill and Thornhill crowds and everything in between. And we're getting a lot of people who are interested in international film because, for several of our films, this was the first time they were screened in English Canada."

During the year, Plotkin attends some of the other major Jewish film festivals in Montreal, Washington, Boston, New York, London, Stockholm, Melbourne and Tel Aviv. She estimates that, along with festival producer Helen Zukerman and consultant John Stuart Katz, she watches as many as 125 films per year, from which the festival's program is drawn.

Plotkin says her biggest programming challenge is in dealing with filmmakers and distributors who prefer to withhold their films for possible inclusion in the larger and more prestigious Toronto International Film Festival each September.

Plotkin's partners behind the festival are Zukerman and Katz. Zukerman hired Plotkin in 1992, after seeing the excitement generated by San Francisco's Jewish Film Festival.

The director of the Zukerman Charitable Fund and the president of the New Israel Fund, Zukerman is still astounded at how quickly the festival has taken root as a Toronto tradition.

"We've been amazed by the reception of the community," she says. "Honestly,we just couldn't believe how hungry the community was for a Jewish film festival."

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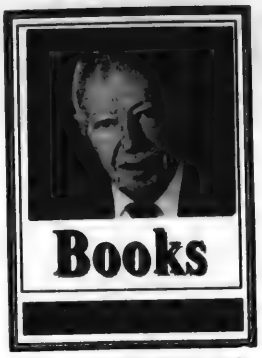

Holocaust Denial: Bigotry in the Guise of Scholarship. Edited by Sol Littman, A Simon Wiesenthal Centre Report (booklet)

Last year, the Roper Organization reported that 22 per cent of the American adults it polled said that it seemed possible that the Holocaust never happened. An additional 12 per cent weren't sure if it was possible.

How can we believe that one third of Americans are ignorant or misinformed about one of the most publicized events in modern history? In addition to these startling statistics is the growing visibility of "revisionist historians" who are trying to erase from collective memory the unparalleled Nazi atrocities.

Some of the revisionists argue that the Holocaust never happened. One of them writes that "it was all a gigantic politico-financial swindle whose beneficiaries are the State of Israel and International Zionism." With overwhelming proof to the contrary, these brazen deniers state that the gas chambers never existed. If prisoners died at Auschwitz or at other camps, it was because of disease and other quite normal wartime causes.

Some of the deniers, donning the mantle of seeming moderation, argue that the Nazis killed only a small number of Jews, largely because they were dangerous enemies of the Nazi cause. Canadian critic and journalist, Robert Fulford, has written, "Never before in the long history of anti-Semitism has anyone produced such a titanic lie."

Publicity circus

Are these falsifiers of history to be disregarded and laughed off as harmless crackpots, part of a lunatic right-wing fringe? That would be a grievous mistake. For at least two decades these purveyors of anti-Semitism have, with some measure of success, infiltrated the mainstream, gained access to talk shows and to university lecture halls and publications. Publicity hungry radio and television talk-show hosts seek them out in order to debate with survivors, arguing that different points of view have a right to be heard.

How can we explain the appeal of the revisionists? In the first place, 50 years have passed since the liberation of the death camps and there are fewer and fewer survivors to provide truthful, first-hand testimony. Secondly, there is an effort by Nazi sympathizers, and a new generation in Germany generally, to de-emphasize and sanitize the past — to cast off the burden of guilt and responsibility. Thirdly, a portion of the public gets most of its news and information from the media where increasingly the truth is blunted and events distorted in order to make dramatic or ideological points.

The booklet under review is published by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, with the support of the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat, Ministry of Citizenship. Its purpose is to provide individuals, organizations and community groups with an educational resource on the subject of Holocaust denial. It describes some of the personalities and organizations in Canada and the United States involved in denial, and outlines steps that groups can take to counter the threat. Among the notorious revisionists are — Arthur Butz, David Irving, James Keegstra, John Ross Taylor and Ernst Zundel.

The major organizations involved are the Heritage Front in Canada, and in the United States the Institute for Historical Review, Liberty Lobby, Church of the Creator and The Church of Jesus Christ Christian Aryan Nations.

The two Zundel trials were a publicity circus, but research indicates that their effect was more positive than expected and that necessary information about the Holocaust was conveyed across Canada.

This booklet, lucid, helpful and cogent, should be widely read and distributed. Requests and inquiries should be directed to 416-864-9735, the Canadian office of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, 8 King St. East, Suite 710, Toronto, Ont., M5C 1B5.

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Arts

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Laugh-A-Rama at Yuk Yuk's: For the sixth consecutive year, Yuk Yuk's joins the annual Sick Kids Telethon by hosting an all-night Laugh-A-Rama, to be broadcast live on CFTO-TV, June 4, 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. Emcees include comedy impresario Mark Breslin and celebrity weatherman Dave Devall. Featured comedians include Rick Bronson and Larry Horowitz.

The Laugh-A-Rama occurs at Yuk Yuk's Superclub, 2335 Yonge St., north of Eglinton in Toronto. Seating starts 12.30 a.m. For reservations or more information, call 416-967-6425.

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Short Film Makes Short List: *The Last Call*, a short film produced by Michael Bederman of North York, is a regional finalist in the 22nd annual Student Academy Awards, to be held June 11 at the Samuel Goldwyn Theatre, Los Angeles. Previous winners include Robert Zemeckis (*Forrest Gump*) and Spike Lee (*Do The Right Thing*).

Bederman, who graduates from the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University this month, has already received an award from NYU for the film, which is about inner-city police. Bederman grew up in North York and attended York Mills C.I. He has worked for Dateline NBC, Jim Henson Productions and other TV productions. He is currently involved in pre-production for his first feature film, *Red Lips*, a romantic comedy shooting this summer in New York City.

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Hidden Child Book Awarded: *The Old Brown Suitcase*, a children's book by British Columbia writer Lillian Boraks-Nemetz, has won the prestigious B.C. Book prize for Best Children's Book. Along with the recognition, the author received a citation and $2,000.

The Old Brown Suitcase (Ben-Simon Publications, $11.50) tells the story of 14-year-old Slava, a hidden child who comes to Canada from Poland after evading capture by the Nazis in the Warsaw Ghetto. In her acceptance speech, Boraks-Nemetz thanked her book's heroine, Slava, and all children who come as refugees to a new land. Herself a child-survivor from the Warsaw Ghetto, Boraks-Nemetz teaches creative writing at the University of British Columbia.

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In Brief: A diverse musical program against the backdrop of beautiful Georgian Bay scenery is what the Festival of the Sound, Canada's foremost chamber music festival, is all about. For information on this year's fest, July 14 to Aug.6 in Parry Sound, phone 705-746-2410.

Pianist Brahm Goldhamer appears at the St. Lawrence Centre's Jane Mallett Theatre as music director for Fiesta Latina on May 24 at 8 p.m. A native of Cornwall, Goldhamer holds the position of music director at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue.

Goldhamer also appears in concert with soprano Denise Williams at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, North York on June 6.. The evening of arias, art songs, folk favorites and spirituals, is being billed as a celebration of Black and Jewish music. 416-872-2222.

Festival unites Jews of all backgrounds

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Zukerman says that some attendees have told her they never feel more Jewish than the week when they're at the festival.

"People can come to the festival and see the diversity of being a Jew. It's not Forest Hill, Toronto, and it's not Cote St. Luc, Montreal," she said. "For many young people, coming to the festival is a really unthreatening way to be a Jew. At most Jewish functions, you'll find people of the same politics together.

"But here, everybody is sitting together, and your politics are unimportant. You're just watching a film. There's room here for people with every point of view."

Although it has taken the lion's share of the attention, the annual film festival is only one aspect of the recently-established Toronto Jewish Film Foundation, Zukerman says.

Other activities will eventually include film production and the restoration of valuable old film footage, she said. As a separate enterprise, she also wants to bring Yiddish theatre back to Toronto.

"The problem of Jewish continuity can be attacked from 20 different angles," she said. "I like the arts, because it's fun. I'm determined to do Yiddish theatre here."

Molly Picon returns

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The life of Molly Picon, a star of vaudeville, film and the Yiddish theatre, and her meteoric rise to Broadway, Hollywood, London and theatres throughout the world, will be recreated in a musical play, *Molly Picon's Return Engagement*, at the Beth Tzedec Congregation on May 31 at 8 p.m.

Written by Sarah Blacher Cohen, author, lecturer and playwright, the show will feature professional entertainers Renee Matthews and Jerry Preskill. Memorable tunes of Second Avenue and musical comedy numbers from *Milk and Honey* and *Fiddler on the Roof* are the setting for Picon's clownish antics.

Roles ranging from energetic Yiddishe mama to Chaplinesque waif to forlorn ingenue demonstrate the many diverse roles Picon performed. Yiddish songs written for her and by her which became memorable include, *Abi Gezunt*, and *Yiddel Mit'n Fiddle*.

The play spans three phases of Picon's life — the impoverished Philadelphia girl who gives up school to help support her mother who encourages her to enter the theatre; the love story of her 56-year marriage to Jacob Kalich, a Galician rabbinical student turned director and script writer of 40 of her plays; and the widow determined to get on with her life.

"She embodies the resilient woman entertainer and the vibrant Yiddish cultural past," says playwright Cohen.

On May 30, at 8 p.m. Cohen will speak on her Dramatic Confrontation with Isaac Bashevis Singer at the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

Molly Picon's Return Engagement is presented by the Joseph and Faye Firestone Annual Concert Endowment Fund. This is the first Canadian performance. For tickets or more information, call 416-781-3511.

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Alberta exploring trade links with Israel

By LEVI REIERBACH
Special to The CJN

EDMONTON — Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, with an escort from the province's Jewish community, will forge business links with Israel on a trade mission in June.

"Israel is an important member of the international economic community, and excellent opportunities exist to foster trade links between Alberta and Israel," Klein said in a memo about the trip.

"Free trade negotiations between Canada and Israel are opening doors between the two countries and the timing of the Team Alberta mission could hardly be better."

In conjunction with the premier's visit, the Calgary and Edmonton Jewish communities are arranging a charter mission, which will also involve the province's general business community.

"I am delighted that both Alberta's major Jewish communities are coordinating their mission to Israel so that it can tie up with my trade mission," said Klein.

The trip June 13 to 25 will involve Egypt, Kuwait and Lebanon, as well as Israel.

Lesley Jacobson, resource development director for the Calgary Jewish Community Council, is helping the Alberta Jewish community coordinate arrangements with the government.

She said the charter mission not only shows support for Klein's decision to go to Israel, it is also a "promotion to encourage Alberta businessmen to explore business opportunities in Israel."

Chief of mission, Art Smith, said Klein's trade agenda in Israel will include health services, oil and gas, agricultural products and electronic wares.

"He's hoping to develop synergy partnerships with Israeli companies in developing product lines," said Smith, who is also co-chair of the Alberta Economic Development Authority.

"There will be some actual contracts signed. He has a list of 20 signing agreements with corporations in Israel and the Arab states, all ready to go."

Klein will also address an international business forum in Haifa and meet with various independent business people, Smith said.

Although Israel and the Middle East in general rank only 24th on Canada's trade scale, Smith said estimates indicate that "there is much more business than that to be done."

Besides his trade agenda, the premier will also meet with senior Israeli government officials, visit the mayor of Bethlehem and the West Bank and meet with Canadian peacekeepers.

Haifa to host business forum

By CELINE MIGDAL
Special to The CJN

MONTREAL — The sixth annual Israel business forum will be held in Haifa June 19 to 22.

The conference aims to foster contacts, showcase business possibilities and facilities business cooperation, says organizer Georges E. Hazan.

"Israel has made great technological advances and needs to market this expertise and its products," said Hazan, 38, who owns a Montreal consulting firm.

Last year's business forum drew over 600 business people from various backgrounds and different countries and "this year's conference is shaping up to be even better," he said.

The first forum in 1989 in Jerusalem began what private and public sectors acknowledge as the most important business conference in Israel.

This year will feature international panels on the changing economic realities of the Middle East and Israel's role in the global economy. For more information call Hazan at (514) 395-2187.

Victims' funds donated

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The association of banks in Switzerland has confirmed that money deposited there by Jews who later perished in the Holocaust has been donated to voluntary organizations, Israel Radio reported recently.

When no one claimed the deposits, which may have totalled tens of millions of dollars, they were given to such groups as the Red Cross, which received a $40 million donation eight years ago from the Swiss bank U.B.S.

Now, Jewish organizations say a portion of that donation belongs to those who died in the Holocaust.

"It is hard to tell exactly how much money was left in the accounts," said Noah Flug, secretary of the World Jewish Retribution Organization, a group that works to recover assets of those killed in the Holocaust. "There were numbered accounts, safe-deposit boxes, jewelry."

The total sum in the accounts of the Holocaust victims who had no family or information could be in the "tens of millions" of dollars, Flug said.

Flug said the Swiss government and banks must be pressured to find a solution.

"Fifty years after the war, many states are trying to arrange compensation for Jews who were murdered in the Holocaust. This should be done here, too."

In response to the issue, Likud MK Avraham Herschson said he would submit an urgent proposal to the Knesset calling on the government to take the matter into its own hands.

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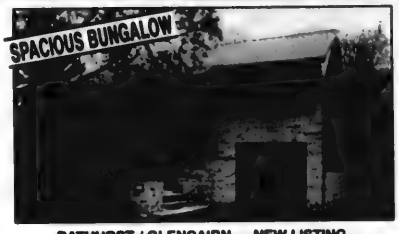

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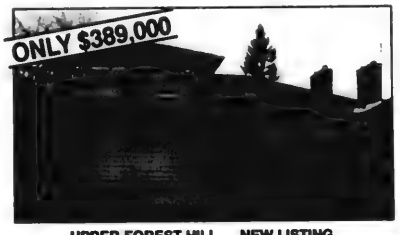

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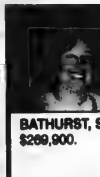

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330 OBITUARIES

Harry Arbus on April 20, 1995, late of 2500 Bathurst St. #307
Sophie Metter on April 20, 1995, late of 23 Flanders Rd.
Rose Brodkin on April 20, 1995, late of 3636 Bathurst Street #1505
Veronica Gladstone on April 20, 1995, late of 100 Worth Ave., #305
Genia Kozlebrocki on April 23, 1995, late of 272 Grace Street
Abraham Tintpulver on April 23, 1995, late of 357 Ranee Avenue
Bill Anshan on April 23, 1995, late of 3665 Flamewood Drive #27
Rae Robins on April 25, 1995, late of 11 Goodyear Crescent
Thelma Case on April 25, 1995, late of 85 Skymark Drive #604
Larry Spirse on April 25, 1995, late of 2075 Bayview Avenue
Regina Elsner on April 27, 1995, late of 213 Codsell Avenue
Fortunee Wadiche on April 26, 1995, late of 59 Citation Drive
Sima Kadin on April 27, 1995, late of 880 Lawrence Avenue East
Hy Luntz on April 27, 1995, late of 22 Lyonsgate Drive
Shirley Weldin on April 27, 1995, late of 1 Benvenuto Place #326
Stephen White on April 27, 1995, late of 18436 Shaws Creek Road
Jack Cohen on April 27, 1995, late of 22 Elkhorn Dr. 434

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

330 OBITUARIES

Ruby (Rochel) Permut. Peacefully after a lengthy illness, Ruby (Rochel) Permut passed away on Friday, March 3rd, 1995 (Rosh Chodesh Adar Beit) in Israel, at the age of 72.

Born and raised in Winnipeg's north end to immigrant parents, she always fought and worked towards helping other people, especially those that were down and out. She was a founding member of the Lehava Chapter of Pioneer Women, founding member of the Sa'ad Chapter of Winnipeg Women's ORT, National Board of Canadian Women's ORT, Winnipeg Jewish Council, Bnay Abraham Synagogue sisterhood president for two terms, as well as winning many community service awards from the City of Winnipeg. She worked for 25 years in Journalism and writing cooking columns for the Israelite Press, Western Jewish News, Jewish Post and the Winnipeg Free Press, as well as teaching an international cooking class to adults in the Seven Oaks School Division and in St. Boneface. She spent 10 years fund raising for the Canadian Friends of Yeshivat Sha'alvim until her aliyah in 1985. She gave many hours of volunteering to the Sharon Home, reading in Yiddish to those that could no longer and sitting and talking to those that had no one else to talk to. She also gave many hours of volunteering and understanding to the Russian immigrants when they first started to come in the mid '70's. After making aliyah, she became the "Baba" of the settlement in which she lived - a name she lived up to right to the end.

Predeceased by her parents, Chaim and Devorah Shruvel and her eldest daughter, Naomi Permut. Sadly missed by many friends and her family, she leaves to mourn her husband of almost 53 years, Chaim, her children, Judi and Danny Gottleib, grandson, Aryeh Zeev and Zvi Moshe, all of Israel, as well as her sister, Clara Chem, of Winnipeg.

Interment was in Israel at the Eretz Hachayim Cemetery beside her beloved daughter.

Memorial donations can be made to an educational fund set up in her and her late daughter's memory - the Rochel (Ruby) and Cemetery (Naomi) Permut Memorial Fund for Gan Harmony, Israel. In Canada donations are to be sent to the Press Foundation, c/o Simcha Cohen, 395 Brooke Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5M 2L5. All donations should be marked Gan Harmony, Israel, for this special fund.

330 OBITUARIES

Bernice Dunkelman on April 29, 1995, late of 21 Mayfair Ave. #510
Nina Schwartz on April 28, 1995, late of 61 Tamarick Dr.
Reuben Cappe on April 29, 1995, late of 2121 Bathurst Street #210
Ben Clairman on April 28, 1995, late of 3303 Don Mills Rd. #1402
Allen Sniderman on May 1, 1995, late of 5 Elm Avenue #414
Bertha Okun on April 30, 1995, late of 7700 Bayview Avenue
Saul Lubell on April 30, 1995, late of 1555 Finch Avenue East
Fanny Rosenthal on May 1, 1995, late of 20 Shallmar Blvd. #214
Avrikam Elezarl on April 28, 1995, late of 390 Woodsworth Road #24
Oscar Pascal on May 1, 1995, late of 3580 Bathurst Street
Frances Poplk on May 1, 1995, late of 3636 Bathurst Street #1209
Zsigmond Kenyeres on May 3, 1995, late of 55 Neptune Drive #104
Edith Alpert on May 3, 1995, late of 55 Ameer Ave. #513
Pauline Weyne on May 4, 1995, late of 16 Caravan Dr.
Jennie Friedlander on May 3, 1995, late of 21 Tichester Rd. #1004

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

330 OBITUARIES

STAR, Florence, 76. Peacefully in Toronto on May 6. Born in Montreal, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Miriam Gordon. She lived in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, before moving to Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and then to Toronto. Beloved mother of Goldie Trager of Halifax, Brenda Romisher of Montreal, David Star and Ellen Star of Toronto. Cherished grandmother of Deborah, Joanna, Lindsay, and Chad. Sister to Jean Schwartz of Toronto and Morris Gordon of Vancouver. She was predeceased by two brothers, Benjamin and Isadore Gordon. The funeral was held on May 8 in Toronto. Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Genie Tolleimen on May 8, 1995, late of 280 Waterloo Ave.
Mollie Janis on May 5, 1995, late of Lincoln Place N.H.
Phillip Hollinger on May 5, 1995, late of 606 Finch Ave West #1501
Sydney Topperman on May 6, 1995, late of 55 Skymark Dr. #1508
William Fine on May 4, 1995, late of R.R. #3 Cookstown
Judith Rosner-Siegel on May 7, 1995, late of 22 Shallmar Blvd.
Max Sokalsky on May 8, 1995, late of 129 Black Hawkway
Alfred Stein on May 8, 1995, late of 306 Spadina Road
Ethel Miller on May 9, 1995, late of 7 Townsgate Drive #803
Ida Gelman on May 9, 1995, late of 3705 Bathurst Street
Lonnie Clemens on May 10, 1995, late of 282 Ridley Blvd.
Jennie Hochman on May 10, 1995, late of 645 Castlefield Avenue
Mamie Bordman on May 9, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst Street

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Gage, Evelyn on May 9, 1995, late of 110 Promenade Circle #401
Waisberg, Sonia on May 8, 1995, late of 3 Bryan Court
Forman, Sari Ruth on May 9, 1995, late of 3000 Bathurst St. #1110
Weinstein, Sadie on May 11, 1995, late of 55 Ameer Ave. #114
Plyam, Semyon on May 10, 1995,
Kaplan, Belle on May 12, 1995, late of 557 Spring Gate Blvd.
Osher, Tillie on May 13, 1995
Weinryb, Wolf on May 12, 1995, late of 39 Sunnycrest Rd.
Weintraub, Eddie on May 13, 1995
Freiman, Leon on May 13, 1995
Greenspan, Murray on May 12, 1995, late of 33 Dewlane Dr.

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335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
JUDITH LEVITAN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 28th 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Lithuanian Farband Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the loving memory of our
SARA JAKUBOVIC ז"ל
Beloved wife, mother, grandmother & sister
will take place
Sunday, May 28th 2:00 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Avenue
Shaarei Shomayim Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument in loving memory of the late
MAGDA HORVATH ז"ל
beloved wife of the late Frank, dear sister, cherished aunt, sister-in law and friend
will take place
Sunday, May 28th, at 2:00 p.m.
Victorian Cemetery, Montreal, P.Q.
New Section C-18 de la Savanne
1st Gate Near Victoria Ave., Rd. C., Left
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Sylvia Shiffman ז"ל
beloved wife, mother, sister and grandmother
will take place
Sunday, May 28th at 1:00 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Avenue
Beth Sholom Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
JO-ANN KENDAL ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 28th, at 1:30 p.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
(Dufferin Street North of Major Mackenzie Drive)
Temple Sinai Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Eleanor Beckenstein ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 28th 11:15 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Gary Goldgrub ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 28th 11:00 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Dufferin St. 3 km. N. of Major Mackenzie
Community Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the loving memory of the late
GEORGE GLATT ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 28th, 1995 11:00 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Dufferin St. N. of Major Mackenzie Dr.
Community Section
Family and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Tilley Zoberman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 28th 11:00 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Community Secuon FF
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of my dear wife
SARAH ELVEY ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 28th 11:30 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Avenue
Shaarei Tefillah Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
ROSE (Raizel) BROWN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 28th 10:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Staahiver Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SAM WIEDER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, May 28th, 1995 2:00 p.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Community Section
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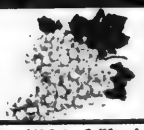

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Clock ticking on deal: Christopher

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Syrian president Hafez al-Assad knows that a peace deal must be made with Israel before next year's elections, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Sunday.

In an interview with the *Washington Post*, Christopher, who is to visit the region this week, made it clear that next year's Israeli and U.S. elections mean the deadline for a peace accord between Israel and Syria should be late November 1996.

He said an Israel-Syrian deal should be culminated by a summit between Assad and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Officials in Rabin's office admit that the idea of dismantling one Jewish settlement in the first phase of Golan withdrawal, which the prime minister floated over the weekend — to the dismay of the residents of Kibbutz Elrom — had been discussed with American officials.

At the same time, they strongly deny that Israel has presented the idea in talks with Syria, but the United States may have forwarded the notion to Damascus as part of its mediations.

Syria has demanded that Israel cede more than just Druze villages in the first phase of withdrawal.

Christopher's remarks seemed to refute Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara's statements that Damascus could obtain the same terms for Golan withdrawal from the Likud should it form the next government, as recent polls indicate.

"My impression," Christopher said, "is that President Assad understands that his best opportunity for an agreement is to do a deal with Rabin. The public statements

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Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres with PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. Peres pledged Israel will do its best to meet the July 1 agreement deadline. *[RNS photo]*

Gazit now doubts peace process

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Shlomo Gazit does not mince words when describing the chances for peace in the Middle East.

"I am not a member of Peace Now," he says, mouth twisting into a sardonic grin. "I don't believe in peace and I have very, very big doubts about the 'now.'"

Gazit, the former director of military intelligence for the IDF, prefers instead to talk in terms of "political settlements" and the long-term picture.

Shlomo Gazit

He flew in from Washington, where he is a fellow at the federally funded United States Institute for Peace, to deliver an evening lecture at Holy Blossom Temple sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Peace Now. *The CJN* spoke with him at his Toronto hotel.

The Turkish-born, 69-year-old reserve major general says he is realistic about the possibility of peace in his lifetime.

"Peace is something Canada is enjoying with its southern neighbor," he said. "Peace is something that is hopefully there to stay in Western Europe. Peace won't come to the Middle East for another three of four generations."

He divides the Mideast peace process into six "parallel tracks" — the Palestinian, Syrian, Jordanian, Lebanese, inter-Arab and Egyptian tracks.

The six are interdependent, he says, and compares the negotiating process to crossing a minefield.

"Unless there is an agreement on every single one of these tracks, unless there is a reasonable solution to every single problem with each of the separate parties, then in a way we have hardly achieved anything," he said.

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Ottawa accelerates war crimes cases

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO— The war crimes front heated up last week as federal authorities announced they would attempt to deport a former member of a Latvian killing unit who is visiting Canada as well as launch legal proceedings against two Canadian-based alleged war criminals.

Immigration spokesperson Pam Cullum confirmed that Konrads Kalejs, 80, a citizen of Australia, would face an immigration hearing because of his wartime activities. Kalejs was deported from the United States to Australia on April 8, 1994 following 10 years of legal battles. A U.S. Circuit Court judge pointed out that Kalejs "was a key officer in a unit that ... killed tens of thousands of innocents."

Kalejs served as a first lieutenant in the Arajs Kommando which assisted in the "systematic annihilation of the 70,000 Jews of Latvia," the U.S. court pointed out.

Documents provided by the U.S. Office of Special Investigations (OSI) show that the court found that "Kalejs and his unit had two other duties besides killing Jews in the Riga (Latvia) ghetto ... the Arajs Kommando joined the German SS in so-called anti-partisan activity, which was little more than a cover for arresting and murdering civilians ... the Arajs Kommando under the leadership of Kalejs served as guards at the Salaspils concentration camp. The conditions there were brutal."

Kalejs' hearing is set for June 1 in Toronto.

In other developments, federal authorities appear to be breaking with previously-stated government policy with the announcement last week they were taking legal steps against two more alleged Nazi war criminals. That brings to six the total number facing loss of citizenship, deportation or both.

Cullum said the deportation proceedings would commence against a landed immigrant late in the summer or early fall while denaturalization proceedings to strip another man of his citizenship are expected afterwards. Cyrus Reporter, a special assistant to Justice Minister Allan Rock, declined to identify the suspects or indicate what they are alleged to have done.

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Next Week

Quebec's aging Jewish community should plan ways to cope financially for the future. See David Lazarus' report.

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CANADA

CJC Gets Standing

OTTAWA — Canadian Jewish Congress has been granted standing to make written and oral submissions to the commission of inquiry looking into the Somalia affair. The inquiry gets underway next month.

In a statement, newly-elected CJC president Goldie Hershon said Congress's information into attempts by members of violent racist groups to infilitrate the Canadian Armed Forces will be "of particular importance" to the commission.

Hate Imports

SALMON ARM, B.C. — Imports of hate literature into Canada rose by almost 400 per cent between 1990 and 1994, the Salmon Arm Coalition Against Racism (SACAR) has reported.

SACAR director David Lethbridge says last year, customs officers for the first time seized material from U.S. state militias, some of which have been linked to the Oklahoma City bombing.

SACAR said the greatest increase in seized items were those denying the Holocaust.

JCC Expansion

VANCOUVER — This city's Jewish Community Centre will expand to house child care and youth facilities.

Federal and provincial representatives announced recently that the JCC will get a grant of nearly $1 million for the project, part of an overall $11-million expansion at the centre.

The new facilities will be designed to integrate children with special needs.

'Shaar' Turns 65

WINDSOR — Congregation Shaar Hashomayim recently marked its 65th anniversary with a dinner attended by over 200 people.

Among them were 10 living past presidents and 20 past sisterhood presidents of the congregation.

Special mention was given to Charles Zalev, the shul's last living founding member.

Federal cabinet minister Herb Gray, himself a member, brought greetings.

Negev Dinner

WINNIPEG — The Jewish National Fund is busy putting finishing touches to its 43rd annual Negev Dinner, to take place here June 20. Organizers anticipate that 1,800 tickets will be sold.

This year's dinner will pay tribute to Holocaust survivors living in Winnipeg.

Keynote speaker will be CBC journalist Joe Schlesinger.

Nozick 'Woman of Year'

EDMONTON — Hadassah-WIZO here has named Norma Nozick its 1995 Woman of the Year.

Nozick, whose involvement with Hadassah goes back 48 years, was honored at a brunch last Sunday.

Proceeds will go to WIZO's Woman to Woman project, which sets up programs for single mothers and abused woman in Israel.

Zundel Targeted

TORONTO — Police explosives experts recently detonated a pipe bomb that had been mailed to Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel.

Zundel delivered the bomb by car to a nearby police headquarters.

Bomb disposal experts took the bomb to an unoccupied area jutting into Lake Ontario, and exploded the device.

Richler's Choice

TORONTO — Novelist Mordecai Richler has chosen Michael Coren to write his biography.

The English-born Coren is the author of biographies of C.S. Lewis, G.K. Chesterton and H.G. Wells.

Coren's reported advance for the project is well into the six figures, the *Toronto Star* reported.

ISRAEL

Jerusalem Prize

JERUSALEM — Two Hebrew University of Jerusalem professors, Dov Nir and Michael Rabin, were awarded the prestigious Israel prize recently.

Nir was honored for, among other things, his writings on the geography of Israel.

Rabin, a computer scientist, was cited for his contributions to mathematical logic.

The prize, awarded by Israel's Ministry of Science and the Arts, recognizes a variety of scholarly and community endeavors.

AIDS Meeting

JERUSALEM — Members of Israel's AIDS Task Force visited the Knesset last week as part of observances of International AIDS Mobilization Day.

They distributed red ribbons, symbolizing solidarity with victims of the disease, to MKs and held a meeting with a Knesset committee on AIDS.

Task force members said they would push for legislation ensuring equal rights and treatment for those with AIDS and HIV.

Explosive to Arafat

JERUSALEM — An explosive device was planted in Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's Gaza office last Tuesday, but was defused by security officers, Israeli sources said.

An Israeli source did not dismiss the possibility that the incident was planned by PA officials to rally support for Arafat.

WORLD

Aloni Attacked

NEW YORK — Shulamit Aloni, Israel's outspoken communications minister, was attacked here May 21 during a speech prior to New York's Salute to Israel Parade.

Aloni was speaking to an audience of 500 at a hotel when a man charged her on the stage and punched her in the stomach, sources said.

The attacker is known for his support of the Israeli right wing.

Aloni was shaken up but not injured.

Endorsement Revoked ...

PRAGUE — The Czech Republic has decided to revoke its endorsement of an anti-Semitic textbook, according to the Czech ambassador to the United States.

Michael Zantovsky also said action would be taken to prevent the recurrence of such an endorsement.

The text, *Handbook on Church History*, claims that Jews in the Middle Ages took over money-lending businesses and charged more than 100 percent interest.

... So is Prize

BONN — German President Roman Herzog last month took back a prestigious state award after it was discovered the winner was a former SS officer.

The Federal Cross of Excellence was awarded in 1983 to Dr. Hans Schwerte, chancellor of the Rhine Westfalia Technic High School, for his contributions to German studies.

But Schwerte, 85, will now have to return the award because he hid his Nazi past.

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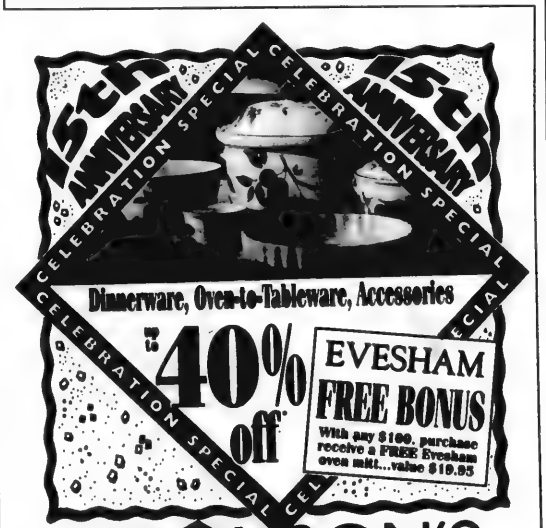

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Quebecers want jobs, not independence: MP

PQ wasting time, energy and money, says Robillard

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The only independence the great majority of Quebecers want is that which comes with a job, Lucienne Robillard, the federal minister responsible for the Quebec referendum, said at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly.

"It is to that and that alone that our governments must dedicate their efforts. The only way to settle our individual and collective problems, to assure our future and our well-being, is by joining forces and collaborating together," Robillard said.

Instead, the Parti Quebecois (PQ) government is "wasting time, energy and taxpayers' money" on its separatist goals, while Quebec's "real priorities" sit on the backburner, she said..

"Quebecers know that everywhere around us, people of all walks of life, neighbors and friends, are struggling to find or keep a job. Now more than ever, it is our obligation — indeed our duty — to focus all our efforts on developing employment and the economy in Quebec," said Robillard, who is also labor minister.

Regardless of when the promised referendum is held or what the question is, Robillard said, the intent of the PQ is the separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada.

"We can only hope that when the referendum is held [Jacques] Parizeau will have the courage of his opinions and will submit his real plan to Quebecers without any camouflage, so that we can debate it honestly, which is exactly what Quebecers want."

She scoffed at Parizeau and Bloc Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard's assertion that an economic association with Canada would be sought after a vote for sovereignty.

Lucienne Robillard

She termed Finance Minister Jean Campeau's budget speech "the latest if not the crudest" volley in a "constant stream of separatist rhetoric" no one wants.

Quebecers do not need to separate to ensure their francophone identity and, in fact, being part of Canada had provided the province with the means to protect the French culture, she said.

"Far from being the chains that proponents of separation describe it, Canada is already a viable and dynamic association that opens all avenues to us and makes all our aspirations possible," she said.

The vast majority of Quebecers are tired of the "futile and endless fighting" between Quebec and Ottawa, she said. "What we want ... is elected representatives to cooperate and work together to put in place new ways of doing things together, to ensure collectively the future of Quebec within Canada."

As welcome as her pro-Canada message was, it was Robillard's fluent Hebrew that endeared her to the audience. She learned the language as a youth worker on a kibbutz between 1969-72.

Robillard gave the keynote address at the luncheon where Goldie Hershon was officially installed as Congress president.

Although invited, no PQ or Bloc members attended that event. Three PQ MNAs, including Public Security Minister Serge Menard and Tourism Minister Rita Dionne-Marsolais, and Bloc immigration critic Osvaldo Nunez, as well as Montreal Mayor Pierre Bourque, attended a reception the night before in honor of Jerusalem 3000 and bidding farewell to Israeli Ambassador Itzhak Shelef.

CJC community relations director David Sultan said invitations were sent to all federal and Quebec parties.

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Quebec's seniors told to plan for economic uncertainty

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Quebec's aging Jewish community should be planning for ways to cope with an eroding economic base and continued political uncertainty, a former chief of staff to then prime minister Brian Mulroney told a forum of the recent Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly.

That could even include a form of "equalization payments" between Jewish communities, Stanley Hartt said.

But as well, "Quebec Jewry has to focus on what is excellent," said Hartt, who also served as deputy finance minister. "The Jewish community should be anticipating this trend and planning for it.

Hartt said it was a mistake to blame the recession for current economic ills.

A more mobile Canadian economy and the technological revolution has made for a much more mobile work force, he said — and the trend is unstoppable.

In the case of Quebec, said Hartt, even traditional Jewish businesses such as the garment industry have gone hi-tech.

Younger Jews are more mobile and can set up shop anywhere. The "best and brightest" see no necessary reason to stay, he said.

Hartt noted that while "most of the costs of separation have already been suffered," there has been no "countervailing" immigration to offset the "out-migration."

Hartt's pessimistic view was definitely not shared by panelist Robert Vineberg, a Montreal business lawyer and chair-elect of the local Combined Jewish Appeal.

According to Vineberg, there has been no net out-flow of Jews from Quebec, with 5,000 Jews moving to Montreal and 2,700 away to other provinces over the last five years.

While it is true, he said, that traditional "Jewish" industries like textiles and retailing have suffered, more Jews have gained entree into banking, insurance and corporate Canada than ever before, sectors once off limits to Jews.

"There is a growing recognition in Canada's executive world that merit is more important than religion," Vineberg said.

More and more, Vineberg said, Jews are also forming public companies and gaining access to more capital markets.

In the mind of Halifax panelist Mark Rosen, who works for Coopers & Lybrand Ltd., none of this has helped the Jews of Atlantic Canada.

For them, said, Rosen, a member of the Atlantic Jewish Council, the recession has had a devastating impact on a once vibrant Jewish community.

"The children are simply leaving town, not to return," he said. "It has had a sobering impact."

Saint John, N.B.'s Jewish community once numbered 300 to 400 and is now down to 60 families, Rosen said, and "continuity is on the decline. Young people are seeking their opportunities elsewhere."

Other small communities like Glace Bay and Sidney, N.S., have also been virtually "decimated" by the recession, he said.

Alan Rose honored at plenary

MONTREAL — This year's Canadian Jewish Congress plenary honored former executive vice-president Alan Rose.

Rose was Congress' "ambassador" to the non-Jewish world abroad for 25 years, until his retirement last year at age 74.

But speakers at a tribute reception said Rose, more significantly, has represented an eloquent and dignified voice fighting for the most basic human rights of the "little man" and Soviet and Ethiopian Jews with equal vigor, two of the causes that dominated the world Jewish agenda during his term.

"He has been an unparalleled national resource," former Congress president Irving Abella told a packed room. "He has been the public face of Congress throughout the world."

Wendy Eisen, a Soviet Jewry activist who used the occasion to launch her book, *Count Us In: the Struggle to Free Soviet Jews*, singled out Rose as the man who galvanized Congress in 1970 into moving Soviet Jewry away from being an issue of "quiet diplomacy" — notwithstanding already vocal student activism — into a movement of marches and lobbying efforts on Parliament Hill.

It was Rose, recalled Eisen, who at a Soviet Jewry rally in Ottawa steered then External Affairs minister Mitchell Sharp towards the protestors.

Sharp ended up providing words of support on behalf of the Canadian government.

Rose's famous diplomatic touch "made Congress the central resource for Soviet Jewry advocacy," Eisen said. Rose played a part in the formation of the women's Group of 35 that campaigned effectively for the freedom of Soviet Jewish dissidents, including Natan Sharansky.

Rose, who upon retirement became a member of the Immigration and Refugee Board but has been ill recently, first paid tribute to his wife, Joyce, and sister-in-law Renee.

Then he gave a vivid portrait of a life marked by drama and fulfilment.

Charles Bronfman lauded Rose succinctly.

"Thank you for all you have done for liberty and human rights," he said.

Resolutions passed

MONTREAL — The resolutions carried at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress plenary included the following:

Be receptive to the "evolution" of the federal political system;

Set aside a national remembrance day for Jews who died serving in the Armed Forces;

Seek to work with Canadian-Arab communities on issues of mutual concern, such as human rights, multiculturalism, social and economic justice and the promotion of understanding of each other's communities;

Establish an independent committee to "enhance the democratic process within the organization" in light of "fewer and fewer" Canadian Jews being involved in Congress' "key decision-making."

Have Congress expand the activities of its Ottawa office and urge the Canadian government to speed up the pursuit of alleged Nazi war criminals and step up humanitarian aid efforts for victims of and pursuit of perpetrators of international war crimes.

Other resolutions included those in support of multiculturalism, religious accommodation, aboriginal rights and rapprochement with francophone populations outside Quebec.

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Allegations against Dueck revealed by government

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — His St. Catharines neighbors may know him as the polite man next door.

But government documents filed in Federal Court recently set out a disturbing list of atrocities in which Johann Dueck allegedly participated during World War II.

An ethnic German born in Ukraine, Dueck, 76, was a senior police officer in the Selidovka District who collaborated with the Nazis in murdering civilians, Soviet PoWs and women, the documents claim.

Late in 1941, Dueck and other police officers "participated in the execution of three members of the [Jewish] Kovalevsky family, as well as the former militiaman Pridatko, at trenches ... in the old centre of Selidovka," the Justice Department documents contend.

Dueck also "was the senior policeman present at the execution by the Selidovka Police of approximately 15 persons ... In the late fall of 1941, the Selidovka District Police, in [cooperation with] German forces, [executed] seven male prisoners who were wearing Soviet Red Army uniforms. [Dueck] was one of the senior policemen present and acted as interpreter for the Germans."

In December 1941, the Selidovka police cooperated with German forces in executing approximately nine people, including two women and several men in soldiers' uniforms. The documents allege Dueck again "was one of the senior policemen present and acted as interpreter for the Germans."

The documents go on to claim that in the fall of 1942, Dueck ordered police to surround an area in which German forces executed eight to 10 prisoners.

In the winter of 1942-43, when the Soviet army temporarily broke through the front, Selidovka police arrested about 30 civilians and held them as hostages in a mill.

"When other villagers attempted to bring food and water to the hostages, [Dueck] struck at the villagers with his whip while the other policemen struck the villagers with the butts of their rifles. [Dueck] was the senior policeman present and was heard issuing orders to the other policemen," the documents allege.

Dueck evacuated the area in September 1943, as Soviet forces advanced, and on June 6, 1944, he applied for German citizenship.

Dueck arrived in Canada in 1948 and became a Canadian citizen in 1957.

He faces loss of citizenship and deportation for allegedly lying about his wartime activities.

Eisen to get award

TORONTO — A York University professor is this year's recipient of the prestigious Ben Sadowski Award of Merit.

The award is presented annually by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto to an outstanding community leader.

Sydney Eisen teaches history and humanities, and he is a former Faculty of Arts dean at York. He was instrumental in establishing the university's Jewish Studies program.

Eisen also helped to found the Centre for Jewish Studies and the Jewish Teachers' Education Program.

He has also been active with the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Associated Hebrew Schools, the federation and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

One of his major objectives is to find funds for the expansion of Jewish studies at York. "We started the first course in Sephardi culture in this region and we would like to expand it," he said. "We would also like to do something significant in the Holocaust area."

Sydney Eisen

Eisen will be honored at the federation's annual meeting on June 7.

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Bloor JCC launches $5-million campaign

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With the raising of a glass and a "L'chayim," fund-raisers at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (Bloor JCC) launched a $5-million campaign last week.

The money will "preserve and enhance the downtown community," the 30-odd volunteers and staffers who gathered in the centre's lounge were told.

The $5-million goal is attainable, asserted Mark Sarner, one of three campaign co-chairs.

The campaign is expected to last two to three years. Three million dollars is earmarked for payment of a mortgage, the Bloor JCC's share of the now defunct Jewish Community Centre's (JCC) approximately $10-million bank debt. Another $1 million will go to renovate the facility while the last million is slotted for programming.

The campaign launch came less than two weeks after the final reorganization of the old JCC. A members group now controls the Bloor Street facility.

Campaign co-chair Frank Jacobs said the Bloor JCC has already received $600,000 in pledges.

Jacobs said despite the financial crisis over the past years, membership at Bloor "is as good as in its healthiest day," when it stood at more than 4,000.

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מיר זיינען אויסגעמאָלן גרעסטע אָן קלענערע שטעט אָן לעבדיר אין קאַנאַדע, אַמעריקע, אייראָפּע, ישראל אָן וויטלאָד. איז דאָך גוט, זייער גוט. אָבער בלויז מיט אונדזערע טיירע, אינטרעסאַנטע פּרייז, וועלכע שטיצן אונדז פֿאַר אַזוינע טעמעס אין שוואַר אָנצוגיין מיטן טעאַטער. עס וועט אָן שוועריר צו שאַפֿן אָן דערקן דעם בודזשעט פון 50,000 דאָלאַר פֿאַר יעדער מאַרשטעלונג. דער עולם וועט קלעגער, ספּעציעל דער עלטערער זהר. קינדער נעמען אינטער די יידישע אָן ייִדיש.

מיר פֿלעגן אָבער יאָ אויסטרעטן אין מאָנטרעאָל, אין לאה מאַלונס טעאַטער אָן פֿלעגן וואָלן דערמאָלט. דער מאָנטרעאָלער צושויער פֿלעגט זייער וואָרעם אונדז אויפֿנעמען. עס וועט שוועריר צו אַרטאַיידיין אָבעלבע אונטערנעמונגען. וועט וויל זיך „מאָדערנעמען" מיט מאָדערנען בילעטן, אַריינלייגן אַרבעט פֿאַר ייִדיש טעאַטער. עס זיינען נישטאָ מער די מעגלשן — צוט באַדיירן, נייען אַ סך אָוועק אָן סאיז נישטאָ וועט עס זאָל אויבערנעמען די אַרבעט.

מיר קריגן נישט קיין הילף פון דער רעגירונג אָן נישט פון דער ייִדישער פּערזאָנאַליטי. סאיז נאָך אונדזער גרויס מזל, וואָס מיר וואָלן אונדזער פּערזאָנאַליטי וויסן אין פּראָכטיקן, נכבדיקן סייזי בראָנסמאַן צענטער. אויסער אונדזערע שטיצער, מאָכן מיר יאָ-אויך יאָ-אויס גאָלאָם, וואָס העלפֿט דערקן אַ טייל פון דעפֿיציט, וואָס באַטרעפֿט אין משך פון יאָר 30,000 דאָלאַר. צוליב דעם שאַפֿן מיר אָן „עדאָמעפֿט מאַדי" („עולמות מאַדי"), וואָס וועט דאָרטן מאַרויכערן דעם קיום אָן צוקונפֿט פון ייִדישן טעאַטער. מאַר דעם צוטרעף וואָלן מיר מאַכן נישט נאָר אין אונדזער מאָנטרעאָל, נאָר אויך אין אַנדערע שטעט, וווּ מאָראַנטאָ, וויניפּעג, אָטאַוואַ, וואַנקאוועד, ניו-יאָרק אָן אַנדערע. מיט נעמען ריקע מאַנדן וואָלטן מיר אויך נעקענט געבן פֿאַרשטעלונגען אויסער מאָנטרעאָל. מיר וואָלן, אָן דער „עדאָמעפֿט מאַדי" וועט נעשאַפֿן וועלן אָן אונדזער טעאַטער וועט אַנגיין מאַר אַ סך יאָרן.

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מיר וואָלן, אַ סך וועלן זיך אַפֿרופֿן לטובת דעם מאַד אויך פּריינד אויסער מאָנטרעאָל. עס העלפֿט אונדז אַזוינס, יאָ-אויך יאָ-אויס, פון מאָראַנטאָ די משפּחות קושפּר, סאָל בערמאַן אָן סטעם בלאָק; פון לאָס-אַנדזשעלעס, דוד גורסקי; מאזי וויטמאַן פון אָטאַוואַ; אַלוויז גאָלדסמאַן אָן אייב הערינג פון עדמאָנטאָן.

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From coast to coast

Hosek finds her niche in Liberal backrooms

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — The most influential woman in Prime Minister Jean Chretien's office is Chaviva Hosek, a 48-year-old former Ontario cabinet minister, women's activist and one-time University of Toronto English professor.

As the prime minister's director of policy and research, a job she has held for the past 18 months, Hosek is in on every major policy decision by the Liberal government, whether it's the impact of cutbacks in the latest budget, social affairs planning or a new foreign policy objective.

Hosek arrived in Ottawa in 1990, after a somewhat controversial career in Ontario provincial politics.

As director of research for the Liberal caucus she quickly earned a reputation in Ottawa circles as "a policy superwonk" and had a major hand in preparing the Liberals' 1993 federal election platform. Along with Paul Martin, she co-authored the Liberals' famous 100-page *Red Book* of election promises.

Hosek's influence on Chretien is pervasive. She is regarded by many as the sharpest mind in the Prime Minister's Office.

That's why Hosek is usually invited along on Chretien's frequent foreign trips, making sure that he understands exactly what he is getting Canada into during talks with world leaders.

Chretien has a tendency to shoot straight from the heart. With Hosek around, some of the shooting comes from the mind too.

Hosek came by her policy expertise honestly. Prior to the election, she toured the country as co-chair of the party's platform committee, listening to thousands of people at town hall meetings, where she got a good feel for what people were saying, what would go over well during the campaign.

Born Oct. 6, 1946 in Chomutov, Czechoslovakia, the daughter of Emil Hosek and Hedy Weiss, she came with the family to Montreal when she was six and attended the Adath Israel Academy. She graduated from McGill University in 1967 with an honors degree in English and went on to earn a master's degree and a PhD in English and American literature from Harvard University.

Back in Canada, she began her academic career and became associate professor of English at Victoria College at the University of Toronto in 1978. She also served in an administrative capacity, as a member of the Governing Council from 1983 to 1986, and in 1984 became the first-ever woman chair of the academic affairs committee. That year she was named B'nai Brith Woman of the Year.

Hosek emerged as a nationally-known Canadian women's activist in 1984, serving for the next two years as president of the National Action Committee (NAC) on the Status of Women. She had been on NAC's executive committee since 1981. As well, she became a partner in the financial firm Gordon Capital Corp., specializing in pension finance.

In 1987, Hosek was lured into politics by David Peterson's Ontario Liberals, was elected Liberal MPP for Oakwood, and quickly appointed Liberal housing minister. The Liberals touted her as a rising political superstar.

It was a high-profile job for which the publicity-shy Hosek was totally unprepared. Ontario was in the midst of a housing boom and Hosek was always in the spotlight. She quickly became a favorite target of the Opposition, and made one political flub after another.

On one occasion, the news media at Queen's Park reported that she had toured a shelter for the homeless wearing an expensive coat and leather skirt, and then avoided a news conference by flying off to Italy for a vacation. It didn't help her image.

Later she would admit she made mistakes, but many were the kind of gaffes a first-time cabinet minister makes.

She became caught up, like other Ontario Liberal ministers, in the Patti Starr scandal, and was unceremoniously dumped from cabinet in 1989.

Chaviva Hosek

She took flight to the safety of the political backrooms of Ottawa, even though it meant commuting back and forth to be with her husband, Toronto consultant Alan Pearson, on weekends and whenever else she can.

They gave her the big Langevin Block office Mila Mulroney used to have just down the hall from the prime minister.

She still shuns the limelight and refuses to give interviews.

However, on March 8 Hosek spoke at a private gathering for senior women from the Prime Minister's Office and the Privy Council Office, held in the Langevin Block cafeteria to mark International Women's Day.

Here, surrounded by other women who had "made it" — people she felt she could trust — Hosek talked openly, with candor and humor, about her life and her political career, and what it takes for a woman to get ahead.

She had learned, she said, while in the academic world, how little issues must be dealt with while they are small, before they become big, difficult issues. Hosek was speaking from experience. She had learned the hard way.

Hosek seems to have found her niche in Ottawa. And the Liberals are happy to have her.

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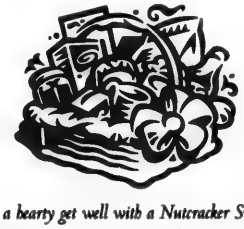

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The Federation of Teachers in Hebrew School Respond to A. Katz letter

Every Shabbat, before the Musaf service, we read the prayer of *Y'kum Purkan* which says, in part: "And all those who occupy themselves faithfully with the service of the community, may The Holy One, Blessed Be He, provide them with their reward ..."

This prayer was formulated by our Rabbis to encourage dedicated Jewish communal servants to continue in their work, in spite of those in every location and in every generation who would demean them, berate them and insult them. At the present time in our city, the prayer must be said each week in recognition of Mr. A. Katz of Toronto.

Mr. Katz, in his letter to *The CJN* of May 4, expresses his anger at the teachers of United Congregational School who went out on strike before Pesach after waiting for more than three years for the school to negotiate a contract with them. THE fact is that an increase in salary was not even an issue which the Teachers Federation had raised in their contract proposals with UCS. Nonetheless, Mr. Katz declares that the teachers "... are driven by greed and nothing else. Seven out of the nine teachers at UCS have jobs in other schools and their part-time position is an income supplement ... In these difficult times when people should be happy they have a job, these teachers are holding on to two jobs and trying to milk the parents and the school to the maximum."

I assume that Mr. Katz is not suggesting that the United Congregational Schools should pay a *full-time* salary to these teachers in order that they should not have to be "holding on to two jobs"; nor, I assume, is he suggesting that United Congregational Schools close its doors rather than hire part-time teachers who are insolent enough to have a full-time job elsewhere.

No, I assume that Mr. Katz is suggesting that these trivial employees, these minor functionaries in the community, should shut up and take what the school, in its largesse, is willing to provide. It is, after all, only "greed" which motivates them. Any self-respecting working person should be able to support his/her family on a single salary, should she/not not? The fact that over 60% of married women in Canada must work to supplement income is probably only a sign of poor family budgeting. No?

A statistic several years old suggests that an average Canadian family of four requires an annual income of $55,000 to cover its essential costs each year. And that does not take into account the higher cost of living in Toronto; or the cost of day school education; or synagogue dues; or UJA contributions; or kosher food. A unionized day school teacher in Toronto with a four-year B.A. and Hebrew Teachers Certification and five years of experience can make a full salary of as much as $47,000 a year. And where is the rest supposed to come from? Just greed, Mr. Katz tells us.

Teachers in the Jewish school systems in Toronto are members of this community. We are professionals who take pride in the work we do. We are not teaching simply because Mr. Katz is too busy with significant work to put in a few hours a week dispensing his expertise in Judaica to children; we teach because we are knowledgeable, because we are trained, because we are dedicated.

And we are, on the whole, fairly paid. No teacher expects the Jewish community to provide us with the pay of doctors and lawyers. But we do expect to be paid negotiation of the Hebrew Teachers Federation and school administrations to be paid more or less as other teachers are paid in the city. This professional equity is certainly one of the reasons that Tornto has succeeded in attracting such a large number of trained, professional educators, without whom the dozens of Jewish educational institutions in this city could not hope to maintain the standards of excellence for which our city is now well-known around the world.

We are school teachers. We do not expect to be invited to sit on leadership boards with the businessmen and the politicians. We are not waiitng for tribute dinners or apppreciation days. But we will not be taken for granted. We will not be treated with the arrogance of Mr. Katz. We will not be neglected by a school board for three-and-a-half years and then be told that we are "reckless and irresponsible" for demanding the same kind of recognition as any other workers in any other job.

We are community servants, Mr. Katz, not community slaves. We are grateful to you for providing us with the opportnity to practice our profession, but we will be treated with due courtesy, with due consideration and with due respect.

And we're not asking you for that, Mr. Katz. We're telling you.

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Not even for Jerusalem

The parliamentary tangle in the Knesset last week left most observers shaking their heads as much in sadness as in disbelief. The three-member Communist Party (Hadash) and the two-member Arab Democratic Party (ADP) each tabled a motion of non-confidence over the government's expropriation of Arab-owned land in East Jerusalem. The opposition leader stated that he would support the motions of the two "fringe" parties.

To prevent the fall of his government, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin suspended the expropriations policy. The Communists withdrew their motion; the ADP motion was repelled with the abstention of the opposition.

Even the hardened, cynical Israeli press seemed incredulous. While some of the media rallied predictably in defence of partisan causes, in the main, they heaped scorn on both major parties. The media's attitude was best expressed by Moti Basok in *Davar*: "Everyone — except perhaps Hadash and the ADP — came out of the land expropriation affair badly."

Electoral reform, in the broadest sense, is needed in Israel. The strictly proportional system is anachronistic. Equally important, the no holds barred, often vicious culture of party politics can be harmful to the larger good.

The fact that the non-confidence votes took place virtually on the eve of Yom Yerushalayim served only to highlight their incongruity. Not even for Jerusalem could the parties set aside narrow self-interest.

Shavuot

During the Pesach seder we are urged by the sages to "see ourselves as if each one of us took part in the exodus from Egypt." On Shavuot, however, the Torah carries this transcendent personal experience to an even higher level. "For not with your generation alone did I establish this covenant and make this promise. But rather, with you who are here today standing before your God, and also with those who are not here today." (Deuteronomy 29:13)

In other words, in a certain sense, we were all at Mount Sinai some 3500 years ago, receiving into our hearts the timeless imprint of a moral, community-minded, responsible and fulfilling way of life.

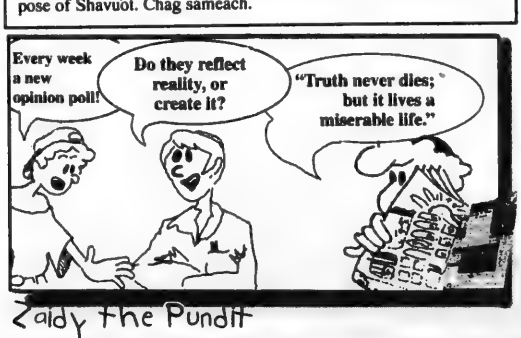
A fractious rabble of former slaves, oppressed and humiliated for over 400 years, was bonded into a free people. But the first steps toward freedom — indeed the first steps for any people in any place, in any generation and in any time — was the rule of law. In fact, the newly liberated slaves accepted the law even before they had actually heard all of its burdens and requirements. Such was the significance of the moment.

Three and half millennia later, however, much of that moment has been lost to us through the relentless, wearying and often cruel attrition of time and of history.

Because we were all there, perhaps if we tried, we could retrieve even a small fragment of its memory?

"And on the third day, with the arrival of morning, there was thunder and lightning; a heavy cloud settled upon the mountain; and the shofar was blasting very loud. Everyone in the camp trembled with fear. And Mount Sinai was enveloped in smoke; because God descended onto the mountain in the midst of fire; and the smoke rose from it as if from a furnace. And the entire mountain trembled and quaked ..." (Exodus 19:16)

The retrieval of even that small fragment of memory is the purpose of Shavuot. Chag sameach.



Zaidy the Pundit

Jerusalem land not confiscated

Re: "Knesset presses ahead with land appropriation," (*CJN*, May 18). Though your report from your staff and wire service mentioned appropriation four times, it mentioned confiscation eight times.

While a government can appropriate land for its special needs, democratic countries prefer the word expropriate, which your report used five times. The normal procedure is to expropriate and negotiate a fair value settlement with the right of the citizen to go to court if the offer by government of compensation is considered inadequate.

You say eight times that Israel sought to confiscate land, much of it held by Arabs; confiscate normally means taking with no compensation. The dictionary says confiscation is stealing, robbery. In that case, left-wingers in Israel would be right to oppose it as unfair.

When *The CJN* eight times says land is to be confiscated, it is giving world anti-Semites ammunition.

Land anywhere is a sensitive issue when it is to be taken by any government. Jews have been buying land in Israel for a century and paying top dollar. By not using proper language you do damage.

Charles Anthony
Toronto

Why he fought Nazis in World War II

Irving Abella (May 4) hasn't got it completely right, in my case.

Because of the prevalent anti-Semitism in Canada, which he correctly describes, I did not volunteer for Canada. I volunteered because I had no choice but to help put a stop to German Nazism as a Jew. I'm glad that I did not miss the unique opportunity to participate. Those who did not do so missed a chance of a lifetime.

Those who were killed in action should not be forgotten, ever. They deserve the gratitude of every survivor. Our grandchildren deserve their remembrance. It will stand them in good stead.

It is regrettable that for 50 years, the Jewish community has chosen to not commemorate their names to help our children remember.

I. G. Frankel
Toronto

Rabbi did not salute with left hand

In your VE-day article, May 4, one page shows Highlanders walking down a Montreal street. The other page shows a rabbi saluting. I thought that the Highlanders were correct but I had to confirm with my doctor about the rabbi. We have agreed that the negative has been reversed, thus creating the impression that the rabbi was saluting with his left hand. As a former Warrants Officer, this didn't seem right and my doctor agrees with me. My name is Arthur and my doctor is Eli, the rabbi's kid brother.

Arthur Downes
Toronto

Deplores lack of recognition for vets

In Toronto, the 50th anniversary of VE-Day (May 8) came and went and left many Jewish veterans with the feeling that they had been ignored by the Jewish community. Certainly many organizations and synagogues held special functions commemorating the liberation of the death camps but, in contrast, honoring the Jewish veterans who played a part in the liberation process appear to be tokenism. To the best of my knowledge, the only shul in this area that held a service solely dedicated to the veterans of World War II was in Hamilton.

On the other hand, veteran observances organized by non-Jewish organizations were ubiquitous. Most Toronto churches held special services on Sunday, May 7 as did other non-religious groups.

There is little doubt that the 50th anniversary of VE-Day marks the final phase of World War II for the veterans. I doubt if there will be very many of us around for the 60th. Thus, the Jewish community, in its desire to perpetuate the memory of the Holocaust, has forgotten those responsible for its conclusion.

Dr. Fred Stulberg
Toronto

Editor's note: The Queen's Park public tribute April 30 recognized the heroism of World War II veterans, partisans and ghetto fighters.

Questions views of Hebrew columnist

Congratulations on the inauguration of a Hebrew column in *The CJN*. It will fill a need long overlooked.

Gidi Koren, in his last paragraph, says he "doesn't want to sound anti-anyone," but his writing proves exactly the opposite. He bemoans the mentality of our enemies in the Middle East in a manner that is neither balanced, neutral nor constructive. No, it's true that we are not so fortunate as to have, say, nice Scandinavians as our neighbors. But Mr. Koren seems to be suggesting that since our enemies are less than civilized (in his view) and we are so superior, somehow the peace will be less than we deserve.

He describes Arabs as those who practise female mutilation, though this has never been associated with Palestinians. And he describes Jews as possessed of the finest moral standards, charity, pity, etc. To define the enemy in terms that dehumanize, while claiming one's own superiority, is to invite one side to justify all manner of treatments to those labeled "less than human." This should ring a bell. To define ourselves in such elevated self-congratulatory terms is to forget that the first groups which made throwing stones at cars a success shouted "Shabbes" as they did so. As recently as March, the people torching bank machines in Jerusalem for reasons to do with religious extremism were yeshivah students.

We have to make peace with Arabs. Their writings could disclose quotations of wholesome morality as well as ours. Our extremists also are likely to justify ignoring their highest principles when it suits their needs. And certainly let's not feed intolerance while claiming neutrality.

Shelley Corrin
Moshe Sadeh
Montreal

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Perspectives

Counting the days to Shavuot

By RABBI JAY H. KELMAN

The holiday of Shavuot will be celebrated this year starting Saturday night, June 3, corresponding to the sixth day of the Hebrew month of Sivan. This should come as no great surprise, except that the actual date for Shavuot is never explicitly mentioned in the Torah.

The Torah tells us that we are to count the days starting from the second day of Pesach. The 50th day, which now falls on the sixth of Sivan, is to be celebrated as Shavuot, one of the three pilgrim festivals. However there were times when this was not so.

It was only in the fourth century that the months of Nissan and Iyar (the two intervening months between Pesach and Shavuot) were fixed at 30 and 29 days respectively. Prior to that, Nissan and Iyar could both have had either 29 or 30 days. Shavuot could therefore theoretically fall on any one of three days from the 5th to the 7th of Sivan. If both months had 29 days, Shavuot would fall on the 7th of Sivan and if both had 30 days, 50 days after Pesach would be the 5th of Sivan. The Talmud tells us that Shavuot was in fact often celebrated on the fifth or seventh of Sivan, in addition to the sixth.

If Shavuot commemorates the acceptance by the Jewish people of the Torah, we would expect to celebrate it on the same day of the Hebrew month each and every year. Interestingly enough, when we look at the Torah, nowhere is Shavuot described as the day of the giving of the Torah. In fact Abarbanel (15th century Spanish exegete) claims that the holiday of Shavuot has nothing to do with receiving the Torah, though by coincidence the dates coipcide.

In fact there is a talmudic dispute as to whether we received the Torah on the sixth or seventh of Sivan. So it could be that the people of Israel, who celebrate Shavuot only on the sixth of Sivan, may not even be celebrating on the same day as the Torah was received. The Torah only tells us that the Jews arrived in the Sinai desert in the month of Sivan and soon afterwards received the Ten Commandments.

In the Torah, Shavuot is described in agricultural terms as *chag hakatzir*, the harvest festival, or as the day for bringing *bikurim*, the first harvest and fruits. After the farmer has worked hard and finally begins to see some results he is told to take some time off, journey to Jerusalem and bring the first fruits of his labor to the Beit Hamikdash in Jerusalem.

The farmer must remember that while without our efforts we cannot be productive, all that we have is really a blessing from G-d. Shavuot is therefore a day when we thank G-d for our material blessings and affirm our faith in G-d by taking time off during the "busy" season. In fact the rabbis always associated farming with faith. When one farms, one has faith that nature, which is beyond man's control, will also do its part. By properly observing Shavuot, we affirm that G-d is the master of nature.

Shavuot has always been understood as a day we affirmed our general faith in G-d by accepting the Torah. It is the "time of the giving of the Torah." So why isn't this extremely important date mentioned in the Torah in connection with Shavuot? In fact, as we have seen, the day we celebrate Shavuot, the sixth of Sivan, may not even be the day we received the Torah.

In enumerating the 613 biblical mitzvot that a Jew must observe, there are those who count the belief in the existence of G-d amongst them. However, without this basic belief, Judaism is meaningless. One can only talk about mitzvot — commandments — if one believes in a commander.

Illustration from the exhibition, A New Book of Ruth: Calligraphy and Illustration by Sharon Binder, at the Yeshiva University Museum through July 31, 1995.

"But Ruth held fast to her.

And she (Naomi) said
Behold,
Your sister-in-law has returned to her people
And to her Gods.
Follow your sister-in-law.

And Ruth said
Do not urge me to leave you,
Or to turn away from following you.
For wherever you go,
I will go.
Where you make your home,
I will make my home.
Your people
Will be my people.
Your God
Will be my God.
Where you die
I will die
And there will I be buried.
This I ask of God
That only death come ever between us."

Book of Ruth 1:15 – 17

So too, only once we accept the Torah can we begin to discuss its meaning. It is superstitious to mention that the Torah was accepted on Shavuot, because our observance of the holiday itself testifies to its acceptance. In reality, we are celebrating Shavuot every day by following the dictates of Judaism. Acceptance of the Torah is not and cannot be limited to one day. Rather we reaffirm our acceptance every day.

This also explains why there are no mitzvot specific to the holiday of Shavuot. We eat matzah to commemorate the exodus, sit in a sukkah to remind ourselves of our wandering in the desert. However Shavuot cannot be limited to a particular aspect of Judaism because it represents our acceptance of all the mitzvot.

Another very different debate arose between the Zedukim (a sect that arose during Temple times that disputed many of the rabbinic interpretations of the Bible) and the Prushim (those who accepted the rabbinic teachings) regarding the day of the week (and hence the day of the month) on which Shavuot falls.

In describing the beginning of the 50-day count, the Torah uses the expression *mimacharat haShabbat* (the day after the Shabbat). The Zedukim rejected the traditional interpretation of the Bible, which understands that "Shabbat" in this context refers to the first day of Pesach. They claimed it meant the day after a regular Shabbat, meaning Sunday. They therefore attempted to manipulate the calendar so that Shavuot would fall on a Sunday. It was due to this manipulation that the rabbis had to send messengers to Diaspora communities informing them of the correct day of this (and other) holidays. Since it often took a few weeks for the messengers to arrive, there was doubt as to which day was the correct one to observe, and due to the uncertainty as to which day was correct, two days were observed.

Another interesting issue surrounding the actual day of Shavuot concerns the reason it has to be celebrated for two days in the Diaspora. While it might take two or three weeks for messengers to arrive announcing the proper day of the new moon and hence the correct day to observe the holidays, by the 50th day from Passover all doubt would have been cleared up as to the proper day of the month. Therefore there should be no need for a second day in the Diaspora. Apparently the rabbis did not want to distinguish between the various holidays and mandated that all biblical holidays would be kept for two days in the Diaspora. This also helped keep the important distinction between Israel and the Diaspora intact. The only exception is Yom Kippur; due to the difficulty of fasting for two days, the rabbis did not want to impose the stringency of an additional day.

We, of course, observe Shavuot 50 days after Passover. The physical freedom achieved on Pesach was given to us for the purpose of our accepting the Torah. This is the raison d'etre of the Jewish people. Physical freedom in and of itself is only meaningful if it leads to increased moral and ethical sensitivity and the forming of a nation dedicated to imbuing the physical world with spirituality.

Passover was the time when the Jewish nation was formed. The rabbis tell us that on Shavuot the Jews were fully united as they stood at Mount Sinai to accept the Torah. Unfortunately, this unity has been an elusive quality throughout our history. Let us hope that we can reach the level of the Jews at Mount Sinai who, in the words of the rabbis, were like "one person with one heart."

Opinions

Goldie Hershon's task

A couple of weeks ago I attended the 24th plenary of Canadian Jewish Congress. Founded originally in 1919, Congress suffered a rather rapid decline, which was, however, reversed when, under the leadership of Sam Bronfman and Saul Hayes, it was revived in the late 1930s and became the organization which represented Canadian Jewry.

When I first came to Canada in 1961, I found that Congress could indeed be called the parliament of Canadian Jewry, and I still recall attending my first triennial plenary session in Montreal. Its position was pre-eminent amongst the Jews of the nation, and both federal and provincial governments acknowledged Congress as our legitimate representative.

From my own experience in various positions, including the presidency, Congress had easy access to all government levels. This was true regardless of what position Congress took. We were heard, though our opinions were not necessarily accepted. I think that the pre-eminent position which Congress occupied — legitimately and responsibly — was of great benefit to our people. We had a central organization, federally and in all provinces, and Jews knew to whom to turn when they felt they needed something, when they were attacked individually or as a group. They turned to Congress, and just about anybody who was at all interested in public life was aware of its existence and its potential.

No more. When I returned from Montreal the other day and people asked me where I had been, my answer that I had attended the plenary session of Congress left them blank-eyed and puzzled. "You mean the Congress in the United States?" was one of the responses I received, and while it was understandable (the ambiguity of the term does make this misunderstanding possible), even my further explanation did not elicit much understanding.

Today federations in many communities have taken centre stage and B'nai Brith competes with Congress on various fronts. Regrettably, the end result is that in the process Canadian Jewry has lost its central focus and, therewith, much of its strength.

But the trend is not irreversible, and my recent attendance at the plenary reinforced that conviction.

It was a good convention in many respects, though unfortunately I could not stay for all of it. I was there to observe the excitement — created to a significant degree by the confrontation between Thomas Hecht and Goldie Hershon — but that was the price and not the main course.

One still had a sense that Canadian Jewry was more than a tale of two cities, Montreal and Toronto. Ours is a large country and people attended from its far reaches. At a breakfast on Monday morning I was seated next to a young woman from Prince Edward Island — a community which has 100 to 150 Jews left. She too had her role to play.

Goldie Hershon's victory came primarily on the strength of her long record with Congress and community. A news release says that she promises to rejuvenate the organization, and I hope she will and with her credibility unquestioned, she will find much support. Also, her hope that an understanding can be reached with B'nai Brith for cooperation needs help from many quarters. In some ways it can't really get worse and Goldie has a real task before her. She may not obtain everything she wants, but the very attempt will be progress in itself.

But city federations have become the seeds of today's influence. Political advocacy and the struggle against anti-Semitism, striving to build inter-religious and inter-racial networks and the support of social equity in every community are the primary areas of enterprise that Congress is best fitted for. In addition, it operates meaningfully in most small communities around the country, and here the needs of Jewish education are especially pressing. Congress still has access to governments and it must exploit it to the fullest.

There is also the issue of a Canada-Israel Committee, which during the last few years has faded from public view. In all too many instances internal squabbles have weakened its effectiveness. It sometimes seems to me that when things go well and we Jews find no cause to fight others, we begin fighting amongst ourselves.

We will do well to entrust those areas in which Congress has traditionally shown its strength to Goldie Hershon's leadership. It is in the interest of all of us that the long and honorable record of Congress be revitalized and enlarged.

Outgoing president Irving Abella had a high profile and great personal credibility. Congress now needs to turn to its communities and rebuild its image at the grassroots level. I wish Goldie all the very best and she has my personal support. And if I shall be privileged to attend the next triennial convention of Congress in 1998, I hope that on my return to Toronto more people will know whereof I speak when I relate what happened at the plenary.

A tragicomedy of errors in Israel

The direction the peace process will take is not so much influenced by any single drama as it is by the overall effect of the irresponsible manipulation of the public's mood. Proof for this is the merciless campaign waged by the opponents of the peace process here and in the United States, the fallout of which the Israeli government misunderstood and neglected.

The rise and fall of the decision to expropriate some Arab land in East Jerusalem was a classic tragicomedy of mistakes which left a bitter after-taste. It ended when a badly cornered government managed to survive in parliament only by undoing its decision, under the threat of a non-confidence vote that was to be supported by the most unholy alliance one can think of.

An Arab and communist motion against the expropriation was to be supported by Likud and some religious parties (all most fervent supporters of the expropriation), in the hope of bringing down the government. When the Likud leader then published a number of unacceptable conditions before the vote, the government saved itself by freezing the measure.

Thus a clumsy government that had made an ill-timed decision in the first place was rescued by the ill-advised tactics of an even clumsier opposition. Though the government has won the parliamentary battle, it has no reason to celebrate.

Before Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had to cut his losses, he persuaded the United States to veto the much watered-down resolutions in the United Nations Security Council against the expropriation. Will that U.S. veto now be recorded by the Arab world as a humiliating irritant or was a price tag attached to it? Will Israel now be asked to return the favor by being more responsive to U.S. ideas on the whole course of negotiations with the Palestinians or was the price of the favor already paid by the freezing of the expropriation plan? And will a stronger U.S. attempt to save the Israel-Syrian discussions from total collapse succeed and if so, will both sides then have the strength to face the moment of truth or will they once more relapse into the already familiar state of indecision?

Now, as the peace process is to get underway once more, no one can predict the behavior of the Arab side. But what about Israel's mood at this juncture? After a short period of euphoria over what seemed to be — and in fact was — a historical breakthrough vis a vis the Palestinians, Israel's perseverance in the further implementation of the interim settlement had slowed down considerably, causing frequent standstills in the wake of Islamic terrorist acts.

Under the combined impact of Islamic savagery and opposition attacks against the government's peace initiative, which according to the rightist opposition was "encouraging Arab terrorism," the government responded defensively and lost public support on many fronts. The manipulation of public opinion by the local opponents of the peace process became a more decisive obstacle to peace with the Arabs than objective security considerations and valid concerns.

But perhaps an even more embarrassing effect of this successful anti-peace campaign, one that must be openly recognized, is that "peace" has become a dirty word in many sectors here — so dirty in fact, that even some of its promoters were reluctant to counter the trend as decisively as they should and could. And Israel's most implacable enemies of all sorts must be comfortable seeing the very notion of peace, which they fear and abhor, so effectively discredited by their most improbable allies here, Israel's rightist opposition.

What should we conclude? That Rabin's government is in deep trouble and may seek new alliances that could prolong its life but paralyze it. It may also undergo a serious reshuffling of manpower and ideas and recover from the lethargy but still lose one of the predictable confidence tests, even before a rightist coalition attempts to win the next elections. In that case, Likud and its allies may be given the chance to test their own ideas on how to bring peace to Israel and how to handle the nation's issues better than Labor.

In the meantime, both parties are busy treating their own internal conflicts while preparing their respective primaries. In such times, political leaders everywhere are usually more concerned with their political future than with the national issues of the present.

A holiday for vegetarians

At an age when I didn't know about the 613 mitzvot (I couldn't even comprehend the number 613), I already observed one mitzvah — the seudat mitzvah — the festive meal. On yom tov after davening Ma'ariv the extended family would gather at my grandparents' home to sit down to a gluttonous consumption of gefilte fish, chopped liver, roast chicken and brisket accompanied by mashed potatoes generously laced with shmaltz.

The exception was Shavuot, when the menu consisted of beet borscht, blintzes and salads prepared from such vegetables as could be stored in the root cellar, for fresh greens at this time of the year were unheard of in Winnipeg. The custom of not serving meat stems, among other explanations, from Shavuot as a festival marking a new agricultural season.

Now, two generations later this tradition continues, with the gathering place in our home. Of all the yamin tovim, my brother-in-law favors Shavuot. After 25 years in California, the black-haired salami addict returned as a grey-haired vegetarian. The grey hair is not of his own volition, but the vegetarianism is definitely by choice.

My brother-in-law teaches philosophy; so his vegetarianism is rooted in many dialectic theories, which he suggests apply universally to all humans. But he was of no help when I asked how Inuit could subscribe to such a lifestyle and avail themselves of the right food.

There are two types of vegetarians. The vegetarian-vegetarian and the non-vegetarian-vegetarian. The first eats nothing but plant material while the second avoids meat, but indulges in dairy products, fish and eggs. Both make substantive claims for their lifestyles, believing that if we would eat properly, and live in harmony with nature, we would be far healthier.

On the other hand, there is the view of George Bernard Shaw who wrote: "Vegetarians claim to be immune from most diseases but they have been known to die from time to time — there are millions of vegetarians in the world but only one George Bernard Shaw. You do not obtain eminence so cheaply as by eating macaroni instead of mutton chops."

Without meat we wouldn't need a shochet — there goes another job opportunity for a Jewish boy (why not a Jewish girl?). Without meat we wouldn't raise herds of cattle and wouldn't need cowboys. What would Clint Eastwood and half of Hollywood do?

Anther theme of Shavuot is revelation. Moses, in Leviticus and Deuteronomy, sets out dietary laws and practices. For centuries, rabbis have codified regulations concerning food. The ritual became so detailed that the rabbis' expertise lay in their mastery of the rules: what food is prescribed, permitted and prepared.

One of my twin 8-year-old granddaughters is a vegetarian. Her exegesis is to be found in Genesis 1:29 — "And God said: Behold I have given you every herb bearing seed upon the earth, and all trees that have in themselves seed of their own kind, to be your meat." Since she hasn't read Genesis, she observes her seudat mitzvah as I did mine when I was her age — by revelation.

Features

The battle for Jerusalem

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

When Israeli and Palestinian negotiators were hammering out the Oslo accord in 1993, they deliberately sidestepped one of the most contentious issues — the status of Jerusalem.

They agreed that this pivotal question should be temporarily shelved until more immediate matters, such as the establishment of a Palestinian authority in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, could be resolved.

Under the Declaration of Principles (DoP), the issue is scheduled to be addressed in May 1996 and, presumably, settled within three years.

Given the complexities of the Arab-Israeli dispute, it seemed reasonable to put off a discussion of Jerusalem. But of late, Jerusalem has been thrust into the forefront, and the opening salvos in the battle for Jerusalem have been fired by Israel, the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) and the United States.

•Israel has confiscated land in and around Jerusalem in the past number of years and announced plans to build thousands of housing units there.

•The PNA has taken concrete steps to claim East Jerusalem (annexed by Israel in the wake of the 1967 Six Day War) as the capital of a future Palestinian state.

•American politicians, notably those with presidential ambitions, have called upon the Clinton administration to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

The brouhaha has placed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and President Bill Clinton in an awkward position, divided the Israeli cabinet and enraged the Arabs. The prospects are that the controversy will fester like an open sore, as a reminder of the deep-seated passions and political opportunism that Jerusalem ignites in Israel, the Arab world and the United States.

Jerusalem is holy to three monotheistic faiths — Judaism, Islam and Christianity. Successively conquered by the Byzantines, Persians, Arabs, Crusaders, Ottoman Turks and British, it is doubtless the most contested city in history.

For Christians, Jerusalem is the reputed site of the Last Supper and the crucifixion of Jesus. For Muslims, Jerusalem is one of the revered cities of Islam. For Jews, Jerusalem is not just Israel's capital, from David's time on, but the spiritual repository of Judaism, and, as historian Martin Gilbert writes, "the fulfilment of unbroken historical longing."

The Jewish claim to Jerusalem is indeed strong. It was the capital of the first Jewish kingdom some 3,000 years ago. It was reclaimed by the Jews after their Babylonian exile. By the mid-19th century, Jews were the largest religious community in Jerusalem, which had been neglected by the Ottomans. By 1914, the Jewish population was 45,000 out of 65,000. On the eve of the War of Independence, 100,000 Jews and 65,000 Arabs resided in the city.

By the terms of the United Nations' 1947 Palestine partition plan, Jerusalem was to be an international enclave administered by the UN. But this was not to be. During the 1948-49 war, the Arab Legion of Jordan captured the eastern half of Jerusalem, driving out its Jewish inhabitants and sacking synagogues. After hostilities ceased, Jordan banned Jewish visitors from praying at the Western Wall.

Israel held on to the western portion of Jerusalem, declaring it its capital. For almost three decades, greater Jerusalem was physically divided. But in June 1967, Israeli paratroopers swept into East Jerusalem, and Israel officially annexed it. In July 1980, the Knesset, to the chorus of world-wide condemnation, passed legislation confirming Jerusalem's status as Israel's "eternal and undivided" capital.

For the past 27 years, city planning in Jerusalem has been propelled by political considerations. Israel's strategy, vehemently opposed by the Palestinians, has turned and still turns on creating unalterable facts on the ground. Israel has built a ring of Jewish neighborhoods — Ramot, Nevei Ya'akov, French Hill, Gilo, to cite but a few — around the city, while drastically limiting Arab construction.

As a result of the building boom, the Jewish population has doubled to 420,000, of whom 150,000 live across the old Green Line. By contrast, 155,000 Palestinians inhabit Jerusalem.

In conformity with its policy that Jerusalem's present status is non-negotiable, the Israeli government has decided to build more than 30,000 apartments in and near the city over the next five years. Recently, Israel said it would expropriate 53 hectares of mostly Arab land in Beit Hanina and Beit Safafa, which lie close to Jerusalem. But last week, in response to various pressures, Israel suspended the expropriations.

Nevertheless, Jerusalem's status is far from resolved. As Israel's housing minister, Benjamin Ben-Eliezer — an ardent advocate of consolidating Israel's hold over Jerusalem and environs — put it recently: "The battle for Jerusalem has begun."

But the government's policy has sown dissension within Rabin's cabinet. For example: Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, while reiterating Israel's claim to Jerusalem, has acknowledged that Israel is obliged to defer discussions on Jerusalem's fate until final status talks get under way next year.

Peres' soothing words, however, have hardly mollified the Palestinians. Last month, with the help of Arab delegates, they brought the issue before the United Nations Security Council. The United States vetoed the resolution.

The Oslo accord does not specifically forbid land confiscation and expansion of settlements. Yet it commits Israel and the Palestinians not to engage in actions that might prejudice final status negotiations over Jerusalem.

If Israel has violated the spirit of Oslo, so has the PNA.

According to Peace Watch — which monitors compliance of the DoP and the May 1994 Cairo agreement — the PNA is illegally operating nine institutions in East Jerusalem which should be located in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. These run the gamut from the Ministry of Religious Affairs to Orient House, the Palestinians' shadow city council and the PLO's de facto headquarters in Jerusalem.

Rabin has warned the PNA that he intends to remove Palestinian institutions linked to self-rule. So far, he has not made good on his threat. But he has ordered the police to monitor events and movements at Orient House and strongly discouraged foreign dignitaries from visiting.

Sometimes, the advice is resented. Two weeks ago, Sweden's deputy foreign minister cut short her visit to Israel when it was suggested she avoid Orient House.

Partisan politics in the United States has only exacerbated the ill feelings over Jerusalem.

In March, 93 out of 100 senators called on the government to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel to Jerusalem no later than May 1999, when Israel and the PLO are scheduled to finish final status talks. The resolution was sponsored by two Republican senators from New York, Daniel Moynihan and Alfonse D'Amato. Their motion, in part, was intended to squelch a more radical resolution presented by John Kyl (Arizona) to transfer the embassy by October of this year.

Shortly afterward, the Republican candidates for president — Bob Dole, Phil Gramm, Arlen Specter and Pete Wilson — voiced support of the Moynihan-D'Amato resolution. So did Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Their joint resolution has put Rabin and Clinton in a bind. Though both theoretically favor it, they fear that it may harm the already battered peace process and damage Washington's credibility in the eyes of the Arabs.

With this in mind, the Clinton administration has launched a campaign to keep the issue on the back burner. Martin Indyk, the U.S. ambassador to Israel — the first Jew to serve in that post — has gone so far as to say that if the United States acts on the resolution now, the peace process would be compromised.

The congressional fracas, a replay of a 1984 struggle which the Reagan administration crushed in a bruising fight, highlights the shifting nature of U.S. policy vis-a-vis Jerusalem.

Until 1967, Washington supported the internationalization of Jerusalem. Since then, the United States has expressed support for the principle of a unified Jerusalem, while insisting that its "final status should be decided through negotiations."

Dry Bones

THE BATTLE FOR JERUSALEM HAS MOVED TO THE U.S. CONGRESS
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AND SECOND
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YES.
A NEW ISRAELI PLAN TO CONFUSE THE ENEMY??
NO.
A NEW ISRAELI PLAN TO CONFUSE EVERYBODY!

Mideast Analysis
By Sheldon Kirshner

Syrian talks

Nearly four years have passed since Israel and Syria entered into bilateral peace talks, yet progress has been agonizingly slow. In the meantime, Israel has signed historic accords with the PLO and Jordan.

The negotiations with Syria have been arduous and frustrating because of the complexity of the issues and the level of mistrust.

Who will gain final ownership of the Golan Heights and under what conditions? What will become of Israel's settlements and water resources there following an Israeli withdrawal? How will normalization proceed?

Mutual bitterness and suspicion exacerbate the situation. Syria — which has fought four wars and numerous skirmishes with Israel — regards its Zionist foe as an illegitimate implant in the region and an expansionist state whose aggression must be curbed. Israel views Syria as a recalcitrant, ruthless foe, a viscerally anti-Zionist champion of Arab radicalism, and a spoiler who meddles in the affairs of the Palestinians and its contiguous Arab neighbors (notably Lebanon).

Both sides, however, recognize that circumstances have changed and that an opportunity is now at hand to put the past behind and move toward rapprochement.

Nevertheless, after four years of on-again-off-again talks and the vigorous intervention of the United States, Israel and Syria remain disappointingly far apart on substantive matters. Last month, Syria's foreign minister met with President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Washington in an effort to break the impasse, but the gap was barely narrowed.

The negotiations turn on four inter-related topics — the depth of Israel's pullback from the Golan, the timetable for withdrawal, security arrangements and normalization.

Syria will not settle for anything less than a full evacuation of Israeli forces, preferably back to the June 4, 1967 border, as opposed to the 1949 armistice lines. Israel has not publicly spelled out its terms, but seems reconciled to giving up much, if not all, of the Golan.

Originally, Israel offered a phased withdrawal over five to eight years. Syria has whittled this down to about four years, but hopes to reclaim the Golan after 18 months.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has described security arrangements as the key to the entire exercise. They include border adjustments, demilitarized zones, early warning stations, size and deployment of armies and international supervision of the agreement. Syria had pressed for balanced and reciprocal arrangements, but the Syrians dropped that demand last week in the face of Israel's insistence that symmetrical arrangements were unacceptable.

Finally, Israel is holding out for full diplomatic relations after its initial withdrawal. Syria offers far less.

Time is of essence. Rabin believes that he must hammer out a deal before the 1996 Israeli elections. The Syrians appear to be in no hurry. Clearly, Syria is a hard nut to crack.

Jewish Life

Canadian Friends of Jerusalem Elwyn

Annual Meeting of Members

Take notice that a meeting of Members* of the Canadian Friends of Jerusalem Elwyn (dedicated to the rehabilitation and training of people with developmental disabilities in Jerusalem) will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Wednesday, June 7th, 1995 at Suite 700, 5255 Yonge St., North York, ON M2N 6P4 (phone 416-221-4405).

Dorothy Wiener (Chairperson)

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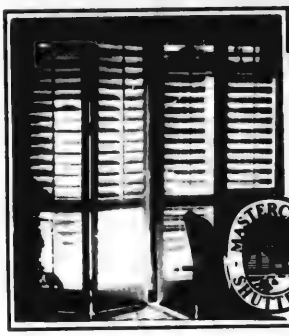

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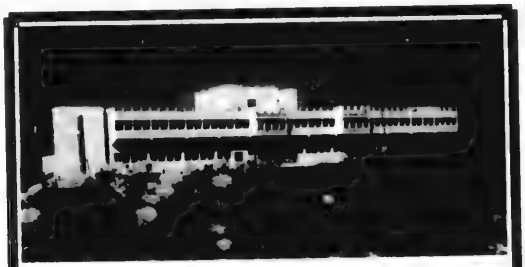

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By RABBI PERETZ WEIZMAN

This shabbat, we start the fourth book of the five books of Moses, the book of Bamidbar, also known as Numbers. This name is given because the book begins with the numbering of the Israelites. It deals with statistics and counting.

Rashi quoting the midrash in Parshat Pinchas gives the following explanation why counting was necessary. A parable is told of a wolf attacking a herd of sheep and devouring many. The shepherd then counts the remnants of his flock. Rashi continues that something similar happened to the Jewish people. After a plague, G-d counted them to know how many were left. "Leida minyan hanotarim."

(It is noteworthy, that this explanation is contrary to the belief that the counting caused the plague. According to this midrash, the plague caused the counting.)

Then the question we should ask is: If the census is to know how many are left, who has to know? Is it G-d that needs to know and therefore we humans must provide him with the information? Without our census He will not know who is left? He who is omniscient, who is "Zan mikarnei reeim vead beitzei kinim" (Brachot) needs our help to give Him the exact number of his creatures? Are we G-d's bookkeepers and statisticians?

The answer is: G-d knows each and every one of his creatures without our assistance. It is WE, who have to know how many are left. The census is for us.

Being a Holocaust survivor, I understand the profound lesson of this midrash. We have to know who is left. We, or anyone, G-d forbid, who suffered losses should not see only what he or she has lost. At this moment of enormous grief, unbearable sorrow and pain, we should not focus our thoughts on only the dear and beloved ones we have lost. It is imperative to be aware also of those who survived.

The lesson the Torah relates is that however great the losses may be, however grieved our mind, soul, and heart may feel, we have to go on with life.

G-d gave us two eyes to balance our outlook on life, to see the decimation and emptiness and at the same time not to overlook the potentials and the life that is still with us. G-d's reply to Moses "Dabeir el Bnei Israel veyisou" (Exodus 14:13). "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward" must vibrate in our ears.

We must go on with life, in spite of how unbearable it may be. Even when we fall hard on the ground we have to pick ourselves up, to rise again and to start again.

Resurrection is G-d's promise. Revival and renewal is what we Jews practise. Life after death is not only a principle of our faith, it is more than that; it is a vital imperative. It is an obligation in Jewish life and history. Construction from destruction is our mission. The establishment of the state of Israel after the Holocaust is a living affirmation of this truth.

I was taken away from my beloved family 51 years ago never to see them again. The date was March 4, 1944. This date of March 4 gave me providentially the message of my life. The message is March Forth. However enormous the losses are, go on living. If not for your sake, then live for the sake of those who did not survive. Live for them! We must live their legacy.

There is a need and even more so a responsibility to affirm life. King David's outcry "Lo amut kee echye"("I will not die but live") is the motto of our people. King David is the personification of Jewish eternity. Messiah who is traditionally believed to be a descendant of King David taught us to cling to life. Our love for life, our l'chayim wish to life will secure us eternity.

Rabbi Peretz Weizman is the spiritual leader of Bnay Abraham Synagogue in Winnipeg.

Bais Yaakov honors founders

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Six founding board members of Bais Yaakov Elementary School were honored at the school's 26th annual dinner, held last month at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill.

Nearly 600 people attended.

Avrohom Arnold, Berel Fuerst, Aaron Zvi Gestetner, the Reichmann family, the late Israel Simon and Dr. Philip Weitz were praised by award presenter David Hofstedter for "establishing a school devoted to Torah principles, which, despite explosive growth, recession, and deficits, hasn't deviated from its goals."

The Orthodox girls' school is important because "the Jewish home is a function of the women who run it," said emcee Feival Weinles. "Only with dynamic women can we have a dynamic community."

Rabbi David and Batsheva Schochet, leaders of the Toronto Lubavitch community, received the "grandparents of the year" award.

Son-in-law Emmanuel Dienna praised the couple for understanding that "the obligation of grandparents is to teach [their grandchildren] but also to hear their problems, to play, and to listen."

Keynote speaker Rabbi Joshua Fishman, national director of Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, praised the school foudners.

A leading pianist

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Eighteen-year-old pianist Tanya Roitman recently performed with several illustrious members of the Manitoba professional music world.

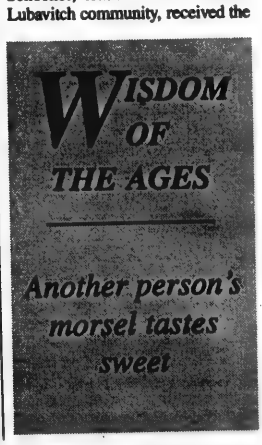
With Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra conductor Bramwell Tovey, soprano Tracy Dahl, baritone Hugh Russell, violinist Benjamin Bowman and French horn player Susan Helfter, Roitman took part in a gala fundraising concert for Associated Manitoba Arts Festival Inc.

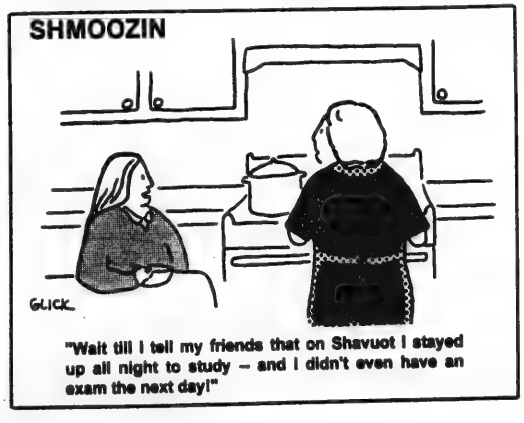
The young pianist began lessons in her native Kiev when she was six and began performing the following year.

Four years ago, the family moved to Winnipeg, where the former Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate student has performed at the Sharon Home for Winnipeg's Jewish seniors and at synagogues. She has also competed at the Manitoba Music festival and in competitions around the province.

While in Winnipeg, she has been involved in BBYO and last spring, she went on The March of the Living.

This spring, Roitman is graduating from the University of Winnipeg Collegiate.





"Wait till I tell my friends that on Shavuot I stayed up all night to study -- and I didn't even have an exam the next day!"

Responding to survivors

By MYRA GIBEROVITCH

Holocaust survivors have taught us that the human condition can be remarkably versatile and resilient. Having experienced the depths of depravity of mankind, many survived with dignity to rebuild their lives.

Most Holocaust survivors today are over the age of 65. For many, their senior years are a period of growth and satisfaction evidenced in a variety of ways. In spite of deep psychological wounds, many survivors have succeeded in achieving psychological well-being.

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Survivors have enriched the Montreal Jewish community in the areas of Yiddish culture, Jewish education, religious institutions and through their involvement in a host of communal organizations. Survivors are partially responsible for Canada's anti-hate legislation. In the 1960s, the Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression spearheaded a campaign against a resurgence of neo-Nazism in Quebec, which culminated in the incorporation of anti-hate legislation into the Criminal Code in 1970.

The literature cautions us to pay particular attention to the aging process of Holocaust survivors. Life event stresses such as retirement, loss of autonomy, illness, the death of a spouse or adult child, lack of financial security, intensive caregiving situation and relocation to a new environment may activate feelings of loss, dependency and vulnerability related to past experience.

Survivors respond to their loss of independence in different ways. For some, a decline in physical health may restrict them and lead to disengagement from activities. Social isolation may lead to loneliness, depression, a focus on past horrific experiences and preoccupation with physical ailments.

Retired individuals, especially men who kept busy with hard work, may be vulnerable to the onslaught of repressed memories, disturbed sleep and nightmares.

An all-important issue pertaining to social support has been the demise of the activities of *landsmanshaftn* (organizations of people who originated from the same European geographic area). With the loss of this resource, many are experiencing loneliness and isolation, which often lead to depression. The quality of life of the isolated survivor can often be improved through support services and activities which provide social, physical and mental stimulation.

For other survivors though, a decline in health is viewed as a challenge to overcome. Some have a tenacious survival instinct manifested by a determination to recover when severely ill. Others manage to maintain control over their environments in spite of physical and mental health difficulties. Still others exhibit a general acceptance of their present situation, no matter how difficult that may be.

With some survivors, sickness is associated with death. In the camps, the weak and infirm were sent to their deaths.

Attitudes to doctors may vacillate between reverence and mistrust. In the death camps, doctors selected those who would live or die and conducted medical experiments. Doctors appointments, tests, hospitalization and surgery may induce anxiety, depression and Holocaust-related nightmares.

In recent years, more and more survivors have begun to open up about their experiences. A number of factors have contributed to this. First, the senior years in general are a time of reflection and re-examination of one's life and integration of past experiences. These years are also a time of resolution of emotional conflict and an attempt to find some peace of mind. Furthermore, a natural cognitive response of aging is remembering distant rather than recent events. Other factors are as follows: In the past decade, the "conspiracy of silence" about the Holocaust has dissipated; there is an urgency to bear witness prompted by the Holocaust denial movement; there is a need to talk in response to new threats such as anti-Semitic incidents. Survivors are often prompted to recount experiences in response to their adult children's questions about their roots and heritage. Movies, reports of Nazi war criminal trials, commemorative events and recent genocides in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia often trigger repressed memories.

Many survivors, though, are reticent to talk about their experiences. Their silence must be respected. Repression of their memories has been an effective coping mechanism.

Gerontological studies have linked emotional well-being with a sense of meaning and purpose in life. Individuals find meaning in different ways. The survivor of war-related traumatic life events may find meaning in survival. Many survivors have lived with the "holy mission" of remembering and memorializing their dead family members, friends and extinguished communities. Bearing witness has infused meaning into survival.

In recent years, communities around the world have instituted programs to meet the unique needs of aging Holocaust survivors. A 1994 demographic study conducted by McGill University professors Jim Torczyner and Shari Brotman, in conjunction with FEDERATION CJA and Statistics Canada, identified that 28.2 per cent of Montreal Jewish seniors are Holocaust survivors. This study concludes that "responding sensitively to the needs of aging Holocaust survivors must help shape the community's agenda." Initiating programs and services to meet survivors' unique needs will ensure that the last stage of heir lives is as comfortable as possible.

Myra Giberovitch is a social worker in private practice in Montreal who specializes in counselling services for survivors of war-related trauma and their families.

Developing a Jewish identity

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Some teenagers may reject their Jewishness "to try on other identities to be different," but those who have been brought up in a home where Judaism is practised will eventually come back to it, said a specialist in adolescent medicine.

Dr. Diane Sacks was the guest speaker recently at the 12th annual Rosalynd Smith Memorial Lecture at the Adath Israel Synagogue.

A pediatrician with 24 years' experience working with teenagers — she established the teen clinic at North York General Hospital in 1991 — Sacks shared her insights and her experiences, examining issues of self-esteem, decision-making, Jewish identity and role modelling.

Becoming independent and separating from the family is one of the tasks teenagers need to accomplish, as they make the transition to adulthood. Searching for one's identity is part of this process, she said.

A child's Jewish identity must be developed before adolescence, because teenagers are less likely to be interested in their Jewish identities and they may experiment with others as they try to separate from their families, Sacks said.

"Our kids, in searching for who they are, need a foundation [in Judaism] ... They may have to be different ... But they'll know where to come back to."

Sacks also advised parents of teenagers to recognize their children's pull toward independence and learn to loosen the reins. "A person much wiser than me told me, 'The art of parenting is the art of letting go,' " she said.

To facilitate the process, parents need to give their teenagers more latitude in making decisions by negotiating with them, Sacks said. "You must respect their time and needs. Let them know they're becoming people on their own."

But she cautioned that negotiations can't always have the same winner and loser or the teen won't negotiate.

Sacks stressed the importance of parents spending time with teens, especially around the dinner table — families need to sit down to a meal together at least three times a week.

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Blacks' Jerusalem tribute raises $300,000 for library

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Journalist Barbara Amiel and her husband, Conrad Black, were honored here last week for their support of Jerusalem.

Amiel, a London-based newspaper columnist, and Black, owner of the *Jerusalem Post* and chairman of Hollinger Inc., were feted by 750 people at a dinner organized by the Jerusalem Foundation, the non-sectarian organization started by former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek to beautify the city.

The $300,000 raised from the $275 a plate dinner will be used to buy books for a reading room in the Jerusalem Central Library.

Amiel, a secular Jew who married Black in 1992, good-naturedly admitted that "it took my marriage to a large Canadian gentile to get me on this platform." She told *The CJN* she was embarrassed by the honor, "but I'm glad my husband cares about Jerusalem."

Black poked fun at himself as well, adding to the laughter generated by tribute speakers Edward Greenspan and John Fraser.

After doing a credible imitation of Henry Kissinger, a former Hollinger director, Black went on to thank his parents for instilling in him "a tolerance for almost everything except intolerance."

Barbara Amiel and Conrad Black arriving at the Jerusalem Foundation dinner in their honor last Thursday.

Kollek, 85, was on hand to pay tribute to the couple and to explain that the Jerusalem Foundation aims "to bring the earthly Jerusalem as close to the heavenly Jerusalem as we can," through educational, social and cultural programs.

Dinner guests were drawn from the city's business and media elite, and included investment managers Ira Gluskin and Gerald Sheff, members of the Tory and Eaton families, and Paul Godfrey of the *Toronto Sun*. Former Archbishop of Toronto Emmet Cardinal Carter was seated at the head table.

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Windsor JNF dinner to honor survivors

MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

WINDSOR — Holocaust survivors will be the honorees at this year's Windsor Jewish National Fund (JNF) Tribute Dinner on June 15 at 6:15 p.m. at the Caboto Club.

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and the liberation of the concentration camps of Europe, the board of the Windsor JNF decided to mark the event "by recognizing the contribution of the survivors to our community," announced Windsor JNF president Jerry Goldberg.

Ed Asner

"We believe that commemorating this important event will have a significant educational impact on the entire Jewish community, as well as on the community at large," the announcement said.

Keynote speaker will be actor Ed Asner, whose relatives, Abraham and Libby Asner, are among the 62 survivors being honored.

Best known for his portrayal of journalist Lou Grant on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and *Lou Grant*, Asner also narrated *For the Living, Story of the U.S. Holocaust Museum*, which chronicles the building of the Holocaust museum in Washington and was shown on public television.

Active on behalf of many humanitarian and political causes, Asner is currently a member of the advisory board of Israel Civil Rights and Peace.

Proceeds from the dinner will go towards JNF development programs in the Negev.

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Preheat oven to 400°F/200° C. Base: Place butter in baking pan in oven for 5 minutes or until melted. Add brown sugar, stir, return to oven until sugar melts, about 5 min. Peel and slice peaches. Arrange on top of brown sugar mixture. Add any juices accumulated while handling peaches. Cake: Combine melted butter, milk and egg. Add vanilla, cinnamon & nutmeg. Stir dry ingredients together. Add milk mixture to flour mixture, stir only until barely combined. Spread cake batter over peaches. Bake for 35 min. Allow cake to rest for 5 min. Invert onto serving plate. Serve warm or cold.

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Tight race in Willowdale

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
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NORTH YORK — Two high profile Jewish candidates, Progressive Conservative incumbent Charles Harnick and Liberal contender Les Scheininger, both lawyers, could make it a tight race in the riding of Willowdale.

But the NDP's hopeful, teacher Julia McCrea, who faced off against North York Mayor Mel Lastman in the 1994 municipal election, concedes nothing, noting that the NDP earned a healthy vote in the last provincial poll.

Others on the ballot include the Green Party's Laura Weinberg and Independent Frank Zeppieri.

The riding, which encompasses the heart of North York, is home to a significant seniors population, but young business people and families are moving in because of the amenities and direct transit to downtown Toronto.

According to the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, the potential Jewish vote was 13 per cent of the population in 1991, and has probably risen to 15 per cent. There are several synagogues and at least two day schools.

Harnick, the lone Jewish MPP on the Tory benches, says voters are talking about jobs, taxes and deficits.

"They see the wealth leaving the province and they're concerned about the future for their children and grandchildren," he declared.

The New Democrats and Liberals before them spent "wildly," he charges, maintaining that Ontario "does not have a revenue problem, it has a spending problem."

Leader Mike Harris' proposed tax cuts would balance the budget without harming health care, policing and education, he says.

Scheininger, a former national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, sees an overriding concern with the economy.

He focuses on leader Lyn McLeod's "red book" plan, which would introduce balanced budget legislation within 30 days of taking office, a youth opportunities strategy within 90 days and a balanced budget within four years.

McCrea observes that McLeod's time-staggered plans "sound like an RRSP." She zeroes in on the need to preserve universal health care and affordable housing for those on fixed incomes.

Premier Bob's Rae's government she states, is working to access social services through an easy, one-stop, central "shopping centre."

All three candidates decry the upsurge in racist and hate activity.

Scheininger says he has dealt with the issue with four successive premiers and several attorneys general, asking for "proper and thorough investigation leading to prosecution where appropriate."

Harnick says he is sometimes advised not to give Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel a platform, but "I can't just let it lie. I'm not prepared to ignore it."

The NDP, says McCrea, has required school boards to institute anti-racism policies.

"Every board must come up with an initiative," she says.

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Sense of community a key issue for McLeod

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Whether it's the Jewish or any other ethnic group, for Ontario Liberal leader Lyn McLeod, a key issue in this election is community.

"We address five underlying themes in setting out our plan, and one of them is a sense of community. I believe very strongly that government needs to be more responsive to people in communities. And that should be true whether it's community economic development or the way in which we provide health care services," McLeod told *The CJN* in a recent wide-ranging interview aboard her campaign bus.

"I know the Jewish community has been very strong in providing housing and long-term care services," she noted. "And my belief, and that of the Liberal Party, is to build on that sense of community and provide support for it."

McLeod was arguably the first leader out of the blocks to court the Jewish vote in the Metro Toronto area. (She also visited Israel last fall, where she met with MKs and Canadian students.)

Her team includes three Jewish former cabinet ministers — Monte Kwinter, Steve Offer and Elinor Caplan — while former Canadian Jewish Congress national president Les Scheininger is a candidate in Willowdale.

McLeod, who won the leadership in 1992 in a close race, is rarely without her red book, *The Ontario Liberal Plan*, a meaty, 82 pages of bar graphs and timetables. In some jurisdictions, it might be regarded as a conservative manifesto, but in Ontario it's more of a reaction against the governing NDP. Some of its highlights:

- a balanced budget within four years and introduction of balanced budget legislation;
- a spending cut of $4 billion and a tax cut of five per cent;
- cutting by half, the cost of dealing with government regulations;
- increased funds for those starting a small business;
- and an important concern for some Jewish seniors: restoring

Lyn McLeod

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The leader is of two minds when it comes to public funding for Jewish and other private schools. Through five years in power, many individual Liberals favored the idea, but the party remained opposed. McLeod says that from a "personal perspective," one direction set out in the 1986 Shapiro Report, which recommended funding for alternative schools within a public school system umbrella, "was one which I could subscribe to."

But "the limitations on extending funding, in the name of openness and frankness, are obviously financial." And nowhere in the red book's eight pages on education is funding for private schools discussed.

Asked directly whether she favors funding, McLeod said: "I'm prepared to review proposals which would look at [things like] funding consortiums [or] ways in which the publicly funded system can work in cooperation with independent schools.

"There aren't specific concerns in front of us yet, and obviously I would have to be concerned about [their] financial implications. But if a proposal is consistent with the overall philosophical direction of the Shapiro Report, I'd certainly be prepared to consider it."

McLeod says the Grits are the only party to spell out in their plan what they would do about hate crimes:

- designate special Crown attorneys, from within current staff, to prosecute or oversee the prosecution of all crimes in which hate is a factor;
- prohibit the Crown from plea bargaining hate crimes, and instruct it to seek maximum penalties;
- designate special OPP officers to help the public and police in small communities in reporting and investigating hate crimes and hate literature;
- bring together affected parties to develop strategy on anti-racism programs (likely a continuation of the NDP's Cabinet Roundtable on Anti-Racism);
- and review government spending to ensure public education becomes the priority in anti-racism and race related grants and programs.

Asked whether Scheininger is headed to cabinet if he wins, McLeod smiles. "He's a tremendous candidate," she allows. "Very, very strong ..."

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Liberals show confidence in Hamilton ridings

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Ontario Liberals are confident that their six candidates in the Hamilton region represent the party's best effort in 25 years.

Courting voters for the June 8 provincial election are Chris Ward in Wentworth North and Shirley Collins in Wentworth East. Both are former Liberal cabinet members.

But the NDP has three cabinet ministers from Hamilton: Solicitor General David Christopherson, Housing Minister Richard Allen and Government House Leader Brian Charlton.

In Hamilton Centre, lawyer Filomena Tassi stands a good chance of ousting Christopherson, according to Milt Lewis, a former president of the Ontario Liberal Party.

Lewis says that in Hamilton West, Helen Wilson may give Allen, who has held the seat since 1981, a stiff challenge.

In Hamilton Mountain, where the controversial Red Hill Expressway is a major issue, Charlton faces strong opposition from two first-time candidates: Liberal Marie Buontragianni and Tory Trevor Petit.

Another strong Liberal candidate is Dominic Agostino, well-known local politician and councillor, in the riding of Hamilton East. He faces the NDP's Andrew Mackenzie, son of former labor minister Bob Mackenzie, who is stepping down after 20 years at Queen's Park.

Tory hopefuls are mostly first-timers and relatively unknown. However, Conservatives are enthusiastic about Crown attorney Toni Skarica, who is making an impact in Wentworth North.

"People are only now beginning to take an interest in the election," says Judy Mintz, the PC party's first vice-president, adding that door-to-door response has been "excellent."

In Wentworth East, former CHCH-TV journalist Ed Doyle is another high-profile PC candidate, while in Hamilton West, Tory Lillian Ross seems strong.

Another strong candidate is Tory Cam Jackson, who defied the 1990 NDP tide and retained his Burlington South riding with a substantial margin.

At Christopherson's election headquarters, campaign manager Terry Whitehead concedes that "a lot of people are disgruntled" with the NDP. But there's a great deal of "support and respect" for Christopherson.

Whitehead predicts a tight race between Mackenzie and Agostino, and predicts that of all local NDP candidates, Don Abel in Wentworth North faces the toughest fight.

Oakwood's Joe Flexer runs as an independent

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Organize, mobilize and fight — together we can change the world!" reads the campaign literature distributed by Oakwood independent candidate Joe Flexer.

Running on a five-pronged campaign, Flexer, 62, is calling for repeal of the New Democrats' social contract (Bill 48). He is also for publicly-owned auto insurance; against cuts to social services; against racism, sexism and homophobia; and "against police repression; for civilian control of the police."

A longtime union activist, Flexer is pushing for repeal of Bill 48, calling it "an abridgment of the democratic right of workers for free collective bargaining."

He said his campaign "believes that the deficit is artificially manufactured" and is unconnected to payouts for social services.

Instead, it was created by a combination of high interest rates and unfair taxation. Lowering rates and implementing fair taxation would halt a "transfer of wealth to the banks," he said.

If elected, Flexer pledged to provide a voice for "mass movements," including labor, social action groups, gay and lesbian organizations, women's movements and poor people.

A native of New York City, Flexer moved to Israel in 1951, where he served in the army and resided for 15 years. He was active in the Habonim movement and lived on kibbutz Urim, near Beersheba.

Flexer said he favors a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestinian conflict, with Jerusalem either being internationalized or divided. He opposes the annexation of East Jerusalem to Israel.

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Ontario Election '95

Mike Harris promises crackdown on hate crimes

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With his neat appearance and measured delivery, Mike Harris might have a hard time being taken for a revolutionary.

But Ontario's Tory leader never tires, it seems, of trumpeting his Common Sense Revolution — nothing short of a complete overhaul of the province's taxation, spending, bureaucracy, education and welfare systems and many of its services.

A one-time golf pro, ski resort owner and school trustee, Harris has come a long way since 1990, when he took over what was once Ontario's omnipotent Big Blue Machine, now the third party. But like Liberal leader Lyn McLeod (the similaries end here), he zeroes in on Premier Bob Rae like a hawk, charging that Ontarians have had it with skyrocketing deficits, and pine for some restraint.

Harris is fond of presenting his plan unvarnished — the straight goods, he calls it — all contained in a decidedly no-frills, 22-page newsprint booklet, quite unlike McLeod's glitzy red book. In it, Harris spells out his common sense vision, which calls for:

- cutting provincial income taxes by 30 per cent over three years, with half of that in the first year, to give Ontarians the lowest tax rates in Canada;
- cutting "non-priority" government spending by 20 per cent over three years without touching health care, law enforcement or classroom funding;
- balancing the budget and creating 725,000 new jobs over three years, as a result of the above two measures;
- instituting mandatory work- and "learnfare";
- and doing away with such NDP mainstays as job equity, payroll health taxes for small business and other regulatory "burdens."

In an interview with *The CJN* last week, Harris shied away from comparisons to the federal Reform Party and dismissed some claims that his platform is more right-leaning than any in recent memory.

"I don't think it's right-wing, left-wing anymore," he said. "I don't think those words apply too much to policies. [The platform] is not as right-wing as taking away employees' bargaining rights, as Bob Rae did. But if it means less

Mike Harris

government, less taxes, real welfare reform, and more encouragement for the private sector, then it is certainly to the right of the Liberals and the NDP. It is more right-wing than [any platform] in the last 10 years, but we haven't been in government the last 10 years.

"Our tax cuts won't take tax rates back to the Bill Davis days; they'll still be higher. We won't take spending back to those days. But it is a major correction of the massive shift to the left of the Liberals and NDP."

And that platform has met with an "overwhelmingly positive" response from ethnic communities, Harris adds.

Over the years, Harris has been visible on the Jewish scene, showing up for rallies and speaking out on the issues. On the community's most pressing concern — government funding for day schools — he adopted a wait-and-see position five years ago, arguing, with some sympathy, that the money for private and independent education just wasn't there.

Now the matter is before Canada's Supreme Court and Harris says his party is "prepared to discuss the various systems. We're very concerned with the system as it is today. You can't have any meaningful review of funding in education without looking at funding for Jewish and denominational schools. It's been before us too long."

Asked specifically how the Tories would deal with the political hot potato, Harris said his party is "supportive" of finding ways in which Jewish day schools can affiliate with exisiting public boards, and he discounted out of hand the concept of a voucher system.

"We are not advocating a voucher system, which in a sense, would do away with school boards."

Harris reserves some of his surest words for the community's concern with the rise in hate-motivated crime, and he charges past governments with "inaction."

"Both under the Liberals and NDP, when we've asked, 'Why won't you prosecute [hate crimes] under exisiting laws?' we've gotten the answer, 'Well, we don't think the law is tough enough and we don't want to lose.'

"Our view is, use the exisiting laws, take [cases] forward, prosecute [those charged]. If we're going to lose, then we can change the law. But to hide behind what they think is an inadequate law and not prosecute, we think is wrong.

"We would prosecute [hate crimes] to the fullest, and if the law proves inadaquate, doggone it, we're going to fight hard and tighten up the laws."

As part of its election coverage, *The CJN* sought interviews with all three major party leaders. As of last week, Premier Bob Rae's spokespeople said they were still trying to squeeze an interview in, but one did not come through prior to the paper's Friday deadline.

CJC HOLDS TRAINING SESSION

The political liaison committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, recently held a training session for volunteers who have been meeting with candidates in the provincial election in order to sensitize them to Jewish concerns. Pictured are committee co-chairs Mel Freedman and Esta Pomotov flanking John Laschinger, a former national director of the federal PC party, who addressed the committee. [Daniel Fine photo]

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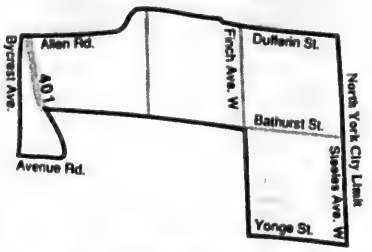
Candidates square off in Wilson Heights

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter



Monte Kwinter

Sam Pasternack

Claudia White

TORONTO — Ontario's most Jewish riding (50 per cent) is shaping up as a battle between the experienced Liberal incumbent and the straight-talking Tory underdog — both well-known figures in the Jewish community.

The New Democrats are off to a slow start, as their candidate, Claudia White, was nominated less than two weeks ago.

Also seeking election are Tom Salsberg of the Green Party, Dan Largy of the Family Coalition Party and David Yates for the Independent Reform Association of Ontario.

Going head to head are former Liberal cabinet minister Monte Kwinter, who wrested Wilson Heights from Conservative David Rotenberg a decade ago, and Tory hopeful Sam Pasternack, national commander of the 1,300-member Jewish War Veterans of Canada.

(Pasternack, 70, is no longer active in the Royal Canadian Legion, as was reported in a recent issue of *The CJN.*)

Pasternack says the 47 years he spent in the retail garment business taught him the dangers of waste and inefficiency.

He says he's finding an "angry and disgusted" electorate, "fed up" with government waste, spiraling deficits and rising welfare rolls.

But Pasternack adds he's encountered surprising support for his approach. He's promising little, only to implement as many of leader Mike Harris's policies as possible: reducing provincial income taxes by 30 per cent, cutting government spending and bureaucracy, instituting mandatory learn-and workfare, and eliminating barriers to employment.

An unabashed police booster (he's an honorary deputy chief of police of the Metro force), Pasternack says crime is also a concern for the riding's many elderly and immigrants.

Kwinter, 64, is banking in large measure on his record. He's confident of not only winning the riding but of returning to cabinet should the Liberals win.

Even though the issue is before the courts, Kwinter says voters are concerned about public funding for Jewish day schools.

He points out that personally, he's been a longtime supporter of full funding for private schools (although he supported the Liberals' opposition to it) and failing that, of giving education tax relief to parents of children in independent schools.

A Liberal government, he says, would reinstate the $400 a day limit for out-of-country OHIP coverage, cut back to $100 a day by the NDP. It's a big issue for seniors.

Kwinter has also been meeting members of the riding's large Russian Jewish community, whose chief concern is their inability to practise their professions because of strict rules in Ontario.

He's firm in his belief that a Liberal government would balance the budget in four years and then begin paring Ontario's debt.

White, a 33-year-old community worker, concedes she has her work cut out. Voters, she says, "have been very responsive" to her, particularly seniors in and around the Baycrest Centre who have concerns about health care and consent to treatment.

She says the NDP's record "stands on its own," with the government chalking up increased business investment, job creation and a deficit that's been reduced this year by one-third.

The social contract, she points out, has saved $2 billion and 40,000 jobs.

As well, the New Democrats have increased spending in areas that needed it most, such as radiation therapy, White says.

PREVIOUS ELECTION RESULTS

1990		1987	
Monte Kwinter (Lib)	12,272	Monte Kwinter (Lib)	17,007
John Fagan (NDP)	9,618	Jennifer Paton (NDP)	6,697
Steven Kerzner (PC)	4,913	David Farb (PC)	5,879
Plurality	**2,654**	**Plurality**	**10,310**
Voter Turnout	63.0%	Voter Turnout	63.2%

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JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO

A Year in Review...

From the President

The Federation has been through a difficult two-year period which coincided with my term in office. However, despite our pre-occupation with the problems of the JCC "rescue," the Federation moved forward on a number of fronts which I would like to highlight.

Financial Resource Development

The Morton Committee produced a framework from which we are developing our fundraising for the next century. Integrated organization, new governance and giving opportunities will lead to enhanced fundraising.

Jewish Education and Continuity

The Continuity Task Force finished its work and the Action Committee on Jewish Continuity was formed to promote and provide seed funding for new and innovative initiatives. The Education Commission has just completed its work with the report and recommendations to be forthcoming.

Federation Governance

New by-laws have been approved and implemented to enhance participation in Federation, as well as its effectiveness and efficiency.

Israel-Diaspora Relations

The first Toronto Leadership Mission began a process of re-defining this most significant of our community's relations - to the people of Israel.

Jewish Elder Services

The Federation is playing a central role in our community's work to secure provincial legislation to allow for the creation of a Jewish Multi-Service Agency (MSA) and to facilitate the merging of Baycrest and Senior Care.

National Immigrant Services

Together with other Canadian Federations through the Council of Jewish Federations of Canada, the Federation has been successful in moving toward localizing the accountability of Toronto and Montreal Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) activities.

We were able to achieve these objectives through the dedication of our lay and professional leadership who performed under the most difficult of circumstances and produced outstanding results.

Bernard Ghert

Financial Resource Development

The Financial Resource Development Department, uniting all streams of gift giving, is now in place. United Jewish Appeal and the Federation's Bequest and Endowment Fund are the two most significant components of FRD. However, Financial Resource Development oversees fundraising from all possible sources, while, at the same time, paying close attention to donor needs. FRD is a new way of thinking in Federation fundraising.

United Jewish Appeal

Wendy Eisen and Bob Masters, Co-chairs
Barbara Bank, Women's Campaign Chair

United Jewish Appeal, is the single most important contributor to Federation financial resources. The annual campaign generates $35-40 million for local Jewish needs, to finance the rescue of Jews from distressed communities anywhere in the world and to support special services in Israel.

United Jewish Appeal relies on over 40,000 contributors and more than 2,000 volunteers to accomplish its objectives. One of UJA's most important priorities is expanding its contributor base with new divisions to serve segments of the community, such as Jewish Torontonians from Israel and South Africa.

In 1994, the Women's Campaign, with more than 25 new major gifts, accounted for $4 million of total UJA contributions. Outreach, especially to young women, is also a critical element of the Women's Campaign.

Bequest and Endowment Fund

Barrie Rose, Interim Chair

The Fund provides permanent financial resources which are prudently invested to meet community needs.

Gifts to the Bequest and Endowment Fund are generally made by cash, a bequest in a will and through life insurance, securities or assets that can be turned into cash.

The Fund sponsors scholarships for Jewish students in post-secondary institutions and for Jewish communal professionals. It also conducts a yearly seminar for up to 300 practitioners in accounting, law and estate planning.

Ontario Jewish Archives

Cyrel Troster, Chair

The Ontario Jewish Archives, which preserves the history of Jewish Ontario:

- served over 900 researchers from across Canada, the U.S. and Israel
- completed cataloguing records of the United Jewish Welfare Fund
- received a grant from the Canadian Council of Archives to process files from the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service Toronto office
- participated in the Spadina Festival street fair

Board of Jewish Education

Joseph M. Steiner, Chair

The Board administers through its Fiscal Committee a substantial number of subsidies to Jewish school students whose families cannot afford full tuition fees, and organizes professional development programs for teachers and administrators. It also operates a library on educational topics, an audio-visual department and a Teacher Creativity Centre. In 1994, BJE:

- expanded its teacher certification programs through the Midrasha L'Morim (Jewish Teachers Seminary)
- coordinated the highly successful annual Choir Festival (Zimriyah), Dance Festival (Rikudiyah), National Bible Contest and Book Month Creative Writing Contest
- initiated day-long conferences for supplementary school personnel and day school educators

Department for Human Resources Development

Francie Storm, Chair

The department, recruits, trains, places and provides development for volunteers and professionals.

During the past year, HRD:

- interviewed and referred over 100 volunteers to positions within our affiliated agencies
- conducted the first-ever bus tour of agency facilities for Federation board members
- arranged orientation workshops for board members
- welcomed over 400 Jewish newborns into the community through its "Welcome to the World" program

Holocaust Remembrance Committee

Eleanor Getzler, Chair

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee is committed, first and foremost, to preserving the Shoah's place in history. To accomplish this essential goal, the Committee strongly emphasizes anti-racism education. The past year's highlights of Committee activity include:

- a two day event commemorating the 50th anniversary of Liberation
- seminars for students and teachers attended by 1200 participants
- 20,000 student visitors to the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto at the Lipa Green Building

Community Planning & Allocations

Alan Sandler, Chair

Community Planning and Allocations (CP & A) addresses a wide variety of community needs through planning, policy setting, program development, budgeting and evaluation. Highlights of CP&A's work in 1994 include:

- the Action Committee for Jewish Continuity, established, under the chairmanship of Les Klein, as a direct result of the recent Task Force on Jewish Continuity report.
- the rescue and restructuring of the Jewish Community Centre into three independent organizations, through the efforts of Federation President Bernie Ghert, Federation officers and CP&A.
- A new Israel Experience committee, chaired by Lorraine Sandler, to better connect our community with Israel
- A major review of current and future services to new immigrants, initiated by the Integration Committee.

Jewish Women's Federation

Glennie Lindenberg, President

Jewish Women's Federation (JWF) is the umbrella for nearly 50 diverse Jewish women's volunteer organizations.

JWF's outreach programs, Shalom Toronto and Russian Integration helped to absorb new Canadians into our community, and Social & Political Action activities sensitized the community to issues affecting Jewish women.

Award Winners to be Honoured at Annual Meeting

Ben Sadowski Award of Merit

The Ben Sadowski Award is presented annually by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto to an outstanding community leader.

This year's recipient is York University History and Humanities Professor SYDNEY EISEN.

Sydney is a former Faculty of Arts Dean at York, who was instrumental in establishing the university's Jewish Studies program, recruiting the first teachers of Judaica and assembling Jewish course offerings. Today, York University students can take advantage of courses in Jewish history, philosophy, language, literature, film, religion and social sciences.

Sydney also helped to found the Centre for Jewish Studies, to develop new areas of teaching and research in cooperation with the community and the Jewish Teachers' Education Program. The program, unique in North America, offers degrees in both Jewish and non-Jewish studies in conjunction with the Board of Jewish Education.

In addition to his York University contributions, Sydney has been active with the Federation, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Associated Hebrew Schools and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 1995
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Leadership Development Awards

These annual awards were established to encourage the assumption of community leadership roles by young men and women. They are presented to those who demonstrate extraordinary community commitment and service.

Last year's UJA Women's Campaign chair, BARBARA BANK is this year's co-chair of the United Jewish Appeal Business Cabinet.

The 1995 Women's Campaign, under Barbara's leadership, raised $4 million. Barbara is also involved with Baycrest, the Mount Sinai Women's Auxiliary and United Synagogue Day Schools. Because of her reputation for hard work and humour, Barbara is among the community's most popular volunteers.

DAVID BARKIN is president of the Jewish Camp Council, chair of the Leadership Development planning committee and an active UJA canvasser.

He is a Leadership Development graduate, who takes on community volunteer tasks with enormous energy, commitment, compassion, honesty and insight.

Shem Tov Awards

These awards are presented annually to leaders representing the highest levels of excellence in volunteer service to Toronto's Jewish community.

ROSEANNE AIN, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto - Roseanne is a graduate and past chair of the Federation's Leadership Development Program, who spends countless hours on community activity. Currently the Chair of UJA's New Gifts Cabinet, Roseanne has been involved with the Federation at several levels, in addition to volunteering at the Board of Jewish Education and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.

ROBERT BERKOVITZ, Reena Foundation - Robert has been a Reena volunteer since 1986. For the past year, he served as the organization's chairman. Robert believes strongly in the need to integrate developmentally handicapped individuals into the community. He has been a driving force behind Reena's new headquarters, the Toby and Henry Battle Centre in Thornhill.

GARRY FOSTER, Jewish Family & Child Service - Garry has just completed his two year term as president of JF&CS. Faced with the need for fiscal responsibility without service cutbacks, Garry introduced a new strategic plan that will serve as a road map for the agency during the next three years. In addition to accounting and business skills, Garry brings compassion and commitment to JF&CS.

ELLY GOTZ, Holocaust Remembrance Committee - During his many years of involvement with the Committee, Elly Gotz has spoken to thousands of students about the Holocaust. Until June 1944, Elly was confined to the ghetto in his hometown of Kovno, Lithuania, before being deported to the Dachau concentration camp. He was liberated in late April, 1945. Elly helped to found the Christian Jewish Dialogue subcommittee, which he has co-chaired for a decade.

DAVID GREEN, United Jewish Appeal David Green's connection to UJA covers nearly half a century. His fundraising efforts began as soon as the Second World War was over and David exchanged his military uniform for a civilian suit. David is chairman of UJA's Golden Givers Program, which honours contributors with at least a 25 year history of gift giving. David is an award winning fundraiser, who has collected hundreds of thousands of dollars for the community.

AARON LANDAU, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living - Aaron has provided more than a decade of dedicated service to the Betel Centre. He is the Centre's immediate past president, who served on several committees before becoming vice-president in 1988, president two years later and chairman from 1992-1994. Outside the Centre, Aaron has supplied volunteer assistance to Holy Blossom Temple, the Casa Loma Historical Committee and the Inner City Angels. In 1985, he received a city of Toronto community service medal.

BEVERLY LYONS, Jewish Vocational Service - Beverly is immediate past president of Jewish Vocational Service, with a 15 year history at the agency. Her active volunteer life includes the Federation's Commission on Jewish Education, which she chairs, other Federation committees, the Alzheimers Foundation, the Kidney Foundation and Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

DR. MARVIN NASH, Jewish Camp Council of Toronto - A Jewish Camp Council board member since 1968, Marvin is a past president who still takes an active role in Council affairs. His presidency coincided with a difficult financial period, which he helped the Council overcome. Every summer, Marvin has made himself available to load camp buses and calm frightened first time campers. Marvin has also donated his time to the Ontario Association of Optometrists.

1994/95 INCOME AND ALLOCATIONS

1994/95 INCOME

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN GROSS 1994	
UJA CAMPAIGN PLEDGES	40,349,245
Shrinkage (current and prior)	(6,169,654)
Fundraising Expenses	(3,068,777)
Earmarked allocations	(504,363)
Subscriptions and dues	(101,631)
NET PROCEEDS FROM ANNUAL CAMPAIGN AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION	**30,504,800**

1994/95 ALLOCATIONS

ISRAEL AND INTERNATIONAL FROM ANNUAL CAMPAIGN	**$16,117,799**
• Jewish Agency for Israel	
• Alliance Israelite Universelle	
• Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society	
• American Joint Distribution Committee	
• Organization for Rehabilitation and Training	
• Organization Sociale d'Entre'aid	
TOTAL OVERSEAS ALLOCATIONS	**$16,117,799**
DOMESTIC FROM ANNUAL CAMPAIGN	**$16,117,799**
Allocation from Bequest & Endowment	110,000
Allocation from Building Fund	71,320
AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION	**$16,299,119**
NATIONAL	
Campus Services	$42,626
Campus Conference	6,762
Canada Israel Foundation for Academic Exchange	63,963
Canadian Jewish Congress	1,439,844
Jewish Immigrant Aid Services	588,406
Jewish Students' Network	47,244
Hebrew Immigrant Aid Services	1,362
Immigrant Relief	750,767
Jewish Telegraphic Agency	11,270
CJF Canada Travel Fund	22,540
CJF Continuity Travel Fund	9,016
CJF Canada Demographic Study	38,318
TOTAL	**$3,022,160**
COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living	$94,972
Central Campus Service	70,000
Jewish Student Federation	129,502
Jewish Student Union	97,650
Jewish Student Council	34,382
Jewish Camp Council	45,058
Jewish Community Centre	828,753
Jewish Family & Child Service	1,530,819
Jewish Information Service	99,994
Jewish Vocational Service	466,572
Reena Foundation	53,275
Senior Care	30,923
Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cases	59,995
TOTAL	**$3,571,945**
JEWISH EDUCATION	
Board of Jewish Education	$631,076
Elementary Schools:	4,295,599
• Associated Hebrew Day Schools	
• Bialik Hebrew Day School	
• Eitz Chaim	
• Leo Baeck Day School	
• Netivot Hatorah Day School	
• Or Ha'emet Sephardic Day School	
• Sha'arim Hebrew Day School	
• United Synagogue Day School	
High Schools:	1,962,922
• Beth Jacob	
• Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto	
• Ner Israel Yeshiva	
• Or Chaim	
• Ulpana Orot	
Supplementary Schools	66,632
Midrasha L'Morim	39,141
Jewish Education Reserve	200,000
TOTAL	**$7,207,282**
JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO	
Administration, Operations and Programs:	$1,543,543
• Otzma	
• Archives	
• Community Planning & Allocations	
• Cultural Committees	
• Holocaust Remembrance Committee	
• Human Resources	
• Jewish Women's Federation	
• Kashruth	
• Project Renewal	
• Oskar Asher Schmidt Museum	
• Yiddish	
Bequest and Endowment	285,374
Special Programs	8,795
TOTAL	**$1,837,712**

From coast to coast

Mazel Tov

Doreen & Morty Mendelson announce the engagement of their son Craig to Martine Morris, daughter of Joanne & Lorrie Katz and Michael & Kim Morris. Grandparents are Anne & Harry Segal, the late Sara & Max Mendelson, Shirley Wagman & the late Sam Wagman, Tessa Leveson and Ginger & Manny Katz.

Richard Shawn Freedman, son of Lou & Harriet Freedman of Thornhill, married Kate Gabrielle Sinsley, daughter of Howard & Nina Sinsley of Tampa Florida on March 5 in Tampa.

Mary & Maurice (Moishe) Weisdorf celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary on May 2, with their daughters and sons-in-law Ruth & David Shaul and Fern & Irving Horowitz, their six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Geoffrey & Stephanie Fages announce the birth of their first child, Benjamin Harrison on April 4. Grandparents are Allan & Roslyn Shuler of Calgary, Norman & Faye Fages of Vancouver and great bubbie Sima Ostfield of Vancouver.

Theo Joshua Arshawsky was born on March 7. Parents are Mark & Marnina. Grandparents are David & Rachel Arshawsky, Esther Bittner and Theo Bittner.

Jordan Mischa Pearlman, son of Maureen & Perry Pearlman, was born on April 26. Grandparents are Sonny & Anne Schatz and Sid & Ruthie Pearlman.

Linda Anita Wolk celebrated her 50th birthday, which fell on the anniversary of VE-Day, May 7. She received congratulations from Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Edith & Sam Barsky announce that their son Allan Edward Barsky, LLB, MSW has completed his PhD on mediation and child welfare at the University of Toronto.

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What's New

DEADLINE REMINDER

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Thursday, June 1

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Saturday, June 3

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SHAVUOT MARATHON

A Torah study marathon for Shavuot with **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**, 11:45 p.m. to 5 a.m., Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd. Refreshments throughout. No charge. 483-0883.

SISTERHOOD SHABBAT

Beth Sholom Sisterhood Shabbat services with guest speaker **Selma Sage**, York University professor, discussing The Book of Ruth.

TIKUN IN LONDON

Members and rabbis of Beth Tefilah, Or Shalom and Temple Israel, London, Ont., join together for the first-ever London Jewish community Tikun Leyl Shavuot, 10:30 p.m. to 1:45 a.m., London Jewish Community Centre.

Sunday, June 4

CUMMER LODGE SHAVUOT

The Mitzvah Volunteer Committee hosts a Shavuot celebration for residents of Cummer Lodge, 2 p.m. with songs by **Ahuva** and blintzes for everyone.

Tuesday, June 6

LEARNING EXCHANGE

Rabbi Mordechai Becher, Ohr Somayach senior lecturer, speaks on The Whole Truth and Nothing But the Truth, 8-9 p.m., Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd. 483-0883.

Wednesday, June 7

PARENTING IN THE '90S

The Village Shul presents How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk featuring **Elaine Mazlish**, parenting/communication expert, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. Village Shul members $12, non-members $15 in advance, $20 at door. For tickets Aish HaTorah 636-7530 or **Rhona Hall** 789-3897.

KIDDUSH LEVANA

Jewish Feminist Community presents an evening of folkdancing and celebration, 7:30 p.m. Registration **Marsha** 604-3175.

AT PRIDE OF ISRAEL

Mary Alsen, physiotherapist from the Arthritis Society, speaks at Pride of Israel Synagogue 7:30 p.m. No charge. 226-0111.

SALUTE TO BROADWAY

York Minstrels Show Choir, in association with North York Seniors Centre, presents Salute to Broadway, 8 p.m., Recital Hall, Ford Centre for the Performing Arts. Tickets $15. 221-4547.

Thursday, June 8

ART AUCTION

Samya, Tamid and Adena-Hanesse chapters of Hadassah-WIZO and Park West Gallery host a live auction at the Primrose Club, 273 St. Clair Ave. W. Preview and silent auction 7 p.m., live auction 8 p.m. Advance admission $15 (includes two tickets), $20 at door (two tickets), 630-8373.

And What Else Is New...

JEWISH MYSTICISM

Rabbi Yitzchak Ginsburgh, head of Yeshiva Od Yosef Chai, Israel, explores the mysteries of Jewish mysticism in a four-part lecture series Sunday, June 11, workshop brunch, noon-3 p.m. (The Thirteen Levels of Love According to Kabbalah); Sunday 8 p.m. (Dreams and Prophecy); Monday, June 12, 8 p.m. (The Aleph Beit: Letters and Meditation); Wednesday, June 14, 8 p.m. (Prayer and Healing). Hosted by Anshei Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market. 588-8512.

REFORM MINYAN

Downtown Reform Minyan, a group of individuals and families offers weekly informal, egalitarian Shabbat services, workshops, special holiday programs at Bloor JCC. Kiddush follows each service. Saturday June 3, services 10 a.m., followed by afternoon studies related to Shavuot. 905-844-4185.

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From coast to coast

What's New

CJN Correspondent **Leora Frucht** will wed **Ittai Eren** on June 15th in Israel.

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HUMORISTIC PLAY

The Sephardic Congregation is staging the play *Maurice et Faby*, Sunday, June 11. Tickets at synagogue office 636-0865 or **Ruth Bitton** 633-5022.

INFANTS & TODDLERS

Morris Winchevsky Schools Infants and Toddlers Playgroup runs two separate morning programs — 4-12 months and 12-24 months. Program includes arts and crafts, music, active play and games, Jewish holidays (secular interpretation), snacks. Office 789-5502 or 789-5981 or **Nathalie Isaacs** 256-1981 evenings.

KESHET SHALOM

Congregation Keshet Shalom (for lesbian and gay Jewish community) and the Downtown Reform Minyan co-host a Shavuot-on, Friday Kabbalat Shabbat service, June 2, 8 p.m.; Saturday morning service 10 a.m. followed by discussion on interfaith relationships 1 p.m., Bloor JCC. No charge. 925-1408.

HEBREW ULPAN

Israel Youth Program Centre offers an intermediate conversational Hebrew ulpan for all ages led by **Yael Lev**. Improve your conversational skills through discussions, Israeli music and newspaper articles. Classes begin first week of June, once or twice a week. Space is limited. 398-6931.

YOUNG PEOPLE AWARD

Nominations are open for a candidate for the Anne & Ed Mirvish Achievement Award for Young People, a $3,000 cash gift and special plaque to be presented at the annual Ed Mirvish Birthday Party Sunday, July 23. Award recognizes determination and outstanding achievement in any field. Send names with a short description, address and phone number to The Achievement Committee, c/o Honest Ed's Co. Ltd., 581 Bloor St W. Toronto, M6G 1K3. Deadline is June 23.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service Groups — For Women Only (self-esteem, strategies for stress management and interpersonal relationships, begins June 7); Widows/Widowers (coping with grief, living alone and changing relationships, begins June 8). **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800.

CAMP COUNSELLORS

Camp counsellors are needed in Israel. This is an opportunity for Canadian camp counsellors, ages 20-25, to work as volunteers in English immersion summer day camps throughout Israel, June 25-July 18. **Tania Lewis** 787-9633. Sponsored by United Israel Appeal of Canada, the Ministry of Education of Israel, and Israel Association of Community Centres.

HEBREW COURSES

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., summer courses for adults, teenagers, pre-teens in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students run Mondays mornings, May 29-Aug. 28, and Tuesday evenings May 30-Aug. 29. **Joseph Klinger** 787-0197.

For Seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club— Saturday dances June 10, 17, 24, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dance June 25, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; movie *Les Girls*, Wednesday, June 7, 2 p.m.; trips— Kitchener June 21; Cullen Gardens in Whitby June 29; Niagara-on-the-Lake July 6; Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 24-30; *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*, O'Keefe Centre, August 2; Ottawa August 22-24. 395-7881.

All candidates meeting for Don Mills Riding **Taylor Place Senior Adult Centre**, 1 Overland Dr., Monday, June 5, 1:30 p.m. 447-7244.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). June 12, Who Wrote the Bible? Introduction by **Avner Meiri**, followed by movie on the subject. 661-4689.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club — Current events group sponsored by North York Board of Education, Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m.; Buffalo June 13; Stratford for *The Boyfriend* Sept. 27 and *The Gondoliers* Oct. 25. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

LZA Seniors Club — *Harvey*, Stage West, June 21; Catskills Pines Hotel July 27-August 6; *The Gondoliers*, Stratford, Sept. 6. **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m., Discussion Group 10 a.m. Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Travel Club — Akron, Ohio, two dinner theatres, tours, Chautauqua, July 20-22. **Bernice** 633-7034.

Hungarian Seniors Writing Group, 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 7-August 30 (in Hungarian) Barbara Frum Library. 395-5440.

Senior Bridge Club, Mondays 1-3:15 p.m. play, 3:15-5 p.m. lessons; Friday, 9:30 a.m.-noon play, Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill.

CREATIVE LIVING CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

An intergenerational program, an original play on abuse of older adults written by W.L. MacKenzie Collegiate Institute OAC students **Elizabeth Antunes, Neda Muaddeli, Kate Wanter** and **Reta Duenish-Turner**, chair of the centre's Awareness Project on Abuse of the Elderly, Thursday, June 8, 1 p.m. **Sheila** or **Judi** 225-2112.

Help for Better Hearing, La'Briyut Wellness Centre's all-day hearing screening clinic, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, June 8.

New gift ideas on sale at the gift shop in the lobby include cosmetics, toys, newspapers in various languages and more. Come in and browse. It's free.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

PATHOLOGIST HONORED

The American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) awarded **Dr. Emmanuel Farber**, professor of pathology and biochemistry, University of Toronto, the 1995 Gold-Headed Cane for his long-term outstanding contributions to pathology, that include research, teaching and general excellence in the field. Farber was professor and chair of the Department of Pathology, U of T, 1975-85. The award was presented at the recent ASIP meeting in Atlanta.

CANTORS ASSEMBLY

Cantor Benjamin Maissner of Holy Blossom Temple participated in the 48th annual convention of the Cantors Assembly held in Monticello, N.Y., attended by several hundred leaders of Conservative congregations, cantorial students and lovers of chazzanut from throughout the United States and Canada.

JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

Judge Harvey Brownstone has been appointed judge of the Ontario Court (Provincial Division), in the Metropolitan Toronto Region. Brownstone attended primary and secondary schools in Hamilton and graduated from Queen's University Law School. He was called to the bar in 1983 an has served with Ontario Legal Aid Plan, the family law division of the research facility at the Ontario Legal Aid Plan in Toronto, the Attorney General Ministry's Support and Custody Enforcement Program, and the ministry's Family Support Plan.

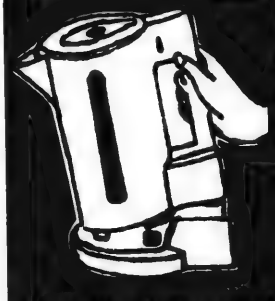
HONORED

At the recent convention of the North American Association of Synagogue Executive Directors (affiliated with the Conservative movement), held in Santa Clara, Calif., Bernice Levine (left), executive director of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, and Shirley Vernon, executive director of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, received certification as Fellows of Synagogue Administration (FSA). They are the first of Toronto area synagogue directors to have achieved this honor.

Judge Brownstone

MEETING WITH POLICE CHIEF

Prior to the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary, an Ontario region delegation met with newly-appointed Metro Police Chief David Boothby (third from left) at Toronto Police Headquarters. From left are community relations committee (CRC) chair Louis Lenkinski; Ontario region chair Gerda Frieberg; CRC vice-chair Ellen Cole; Ontario region executive director Manuel Prutschi, and community relations associate director Steven Shulman. [Graphic Artists photo]



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NYGH names lecture

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — North York General Hospital has named its annual lecture by a visiting professor the Sheila Cohen Lecture, in memory of a popular obstetrician and gynecologist who died last fall at the age of 51.

Dr. Mel Petersiel, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at the hospital, said her family's support "continues the academic knowledge and advancement we believe is important in a community hospital."

Cohen, he said, was "a pioneer in the treatment of young women, especially those with disabilities. She expended the time, effort and care very few would have.

"Sheila was an outstanding advocate for a warm, comfortable and secure hospital environment," Petersiel said.

"Her patients often had to wait hours to see her, but when they got into the examining room, it was as though there was all the time in the world, and they were the only people in the world."

Dr. Sheila Cohen

Her husband Bob described her as an "energetic, upbeat person. When she wanted to do something, she really went at it. She got a lot of joy out of helping others."

She was very involved with teenagers, he said, operating a teen clinic at North York General, and a gynecology clinic at Bloorview Children's Hospital, a facility for disabled youngsters.

Born in Ottawa, Cohen studied physical education at University of Toronto, then attended the University of Ottawa Medical School. She interned at Ottawa General Hospital and St. Boniface and Winnipeg General hospitals in Winnipeg, completing her medical education at the University of Toronto.

She had an "off the wall sense of humour and a keen sense of fun," he said, also describing her as an independent minded person with a strong sense of herself as well as compassion and empathy.

Her patients described her to him as deliberate, methodical and exhaustively thorough, he told *The CJN*.

Dr. Donna Stewart, who holds the University of Toronto Love Chair in Women's Health at the Toronto Hospital, gave the first Sheila Cohen Lecture.

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York U graduate helps Russia deal with environment

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Jonathan Burke went to Rio de Janeiro for the Earth Summit World Conference on environment and population in 1992, he never dreamed that his participation would lead him to deal with enviromental problems in Russia.

A graduate in political science and environmental studies at York University, Burke was offered a six-month contract by Earth Day International to set up a national organization in Russia.

When his contract ended, there were no more funds for his work, but Burke was determined to continue with the project on his own. He began raising money in Russia and Canada, gaining corporate and individual support and raising awareness of environmental issues.

In a recent interview with *The CJN* when he visited his family here, Burke says he found the ecological environment in Russia in a turmoil. There was no coordination and no mechanism to champion environmental issues under Communism.

Only on rare occasions did the population respond on a national level, such as when they objected to the industrial pollution of Lake Bikal, a national treasure and the largest lake in the world, and after the disaster at the Chernobyl nuclear plant.

Today, 10 people work on the project in Russia. Burke says, "We are becoming well organized. We have a computer network called Glasnet, which links environmentalists around the country."

Working with business and government, Burke has spearheaded a recycling program for new products arriving in Russia, such as plastic and aluminum, which are creating new problems.

Burke says his task goes far beyond ecological concerns. At York he discovered that "environmental studies and political science intertwine."

Recognizing that there were many social problems in Russia, he began programs to help feed the elderly and the disabled. He points out that the elderly receive a pension of about $70 a month, or less.

In Moscow, he created a Babushka Relief Fund (feed grandmas), which is much like the meals-on-wheels program. "The adopt a needy person project is growing and volunteers attend to the other needs of the elderly or disabled when delivering meals," he says.

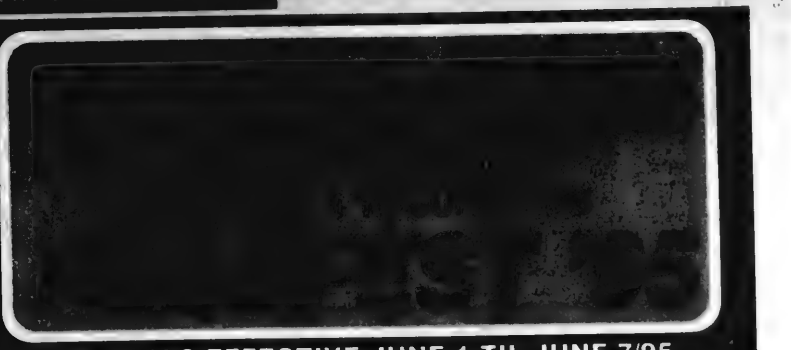
He also initiated a children's coloring book project for schools, using environmental topics.

Burke recently attended the 25th anniversary of Earth Day at a conference in New York and he escorted two Russian environmentalists to see projects in the Toronto area.

Earth Day is on April 22 each year to bring awareness of global environmental issues, but the work of the organizations continues throughout the year.

Now the director of Earth Day in Russia, which has 120 organizations around the country, Burke, 25, says, "We made millions of dollars destroying the environment and now there is an opportunity to make millions by cleaning up the environment."

He says there are environmental catastrophies all over Russia, "but there is also a strong and growing environmental movement and examples of positive environmental actions from one side of the country to the other that need positive recognition."



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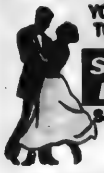

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Toronto employees get paid leave

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish City of Toronto employees are claiming a minor victory following a recent city council decision that would give non-Christian staff two days of paid time off for religious holidays, if they work Christmas and Good Friday at straight pay.

Council voted 11-6 to offer the option on a trial basis, and to try to get union agreement for it.

The decision means Jewish staff would be able to simply "swap" Christmas and Good Friday for two religious holidays, said City of Toronto employee Rachelle Posen.

Until now, Jewish staff had to take Jewish holidays as either paid vacation or unpaid days off, Posen told *The CJN*.

Under the new option, they would get two Jewish holy days with pay and work on Christmas and Easter at straight pay, she said, adding there is enough work to keep staff busy on those days.

"This is not just a Jewish issue. It recognizes the diversity of the population," said Posen, who works for the city's management services department.

The option goes some way toward alleviating the plight of the fully observant, who could need up to 13 days off in a calendar year, provided all Jewish holy days fall on a weekday.

Coun. Kyle Rae, who championed the move, said it's unfair to expect non-Christian staff to use vacation pay or take unpaid time off for religious observance.

But the idea came in for harsh criticism from Coun. David Hutcheon, who called it "an attack on the Christian religion" and said it's "unfair to discriminate against the majority."

The next step is up to the unions, in whose collective agreements time-and-a-half pay for Christmas and Easter is long enshrined.

That's why Coun. Tom Jakobek has criticized the idea, saying it would be unfair for non-Christian staff to be paid for religious days off, on top of getting premium pay for working Christmas and Easter.

But Posen said the city has requested that the option be placed in a special program clause under Ontario's Human Rights Code.

Mayor Barbara Hall said the option is an attempt to accommodate all faiths and does not slight anyone.

Hall said she works on Jewish holidays, and "in no way" would she view members of other religions working on Christian holidays as criticism of Christianity.

Teachers fight issue in the courts

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Jewish teachers in four Winnipeg area school divisions are going to court over paid leave for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

The action, involving over 75 teachers from Winnipeg School Division No. 1, Seven Oaks, Assiniboine South and Fort Garry School divisions, follows a Supreme Court of Canada decision last summer that ruled a Quebec school board had to take reasonable measures to accommodate Jewish teachers seeking paid religious leave.

The Supreme Court ruled 9-0 that three Jewish teachers working for a Catholic school board near Montreal were wrongly docked a day's pay for missing work on Yom Kippur, 1985.

The Winnipeg teachers have charged that school board policies, collective agreements and provincial regulations on the school year violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and the Manitoba Human Rights Code.

"The issue is that teachers should be allowed to exercise their religious rights without impediment," said Mel Myers, the lawyer representing the Manitoba Teachers Society and the Jewish teachers involved in the case.

"Everybody gets Christmas, Boxing Day and Good Friday off whether they want it or not. That is not equitable."

John Wiens, Seven Oaks School Division's superintendent, said he supports people's rights to take religious holidays off.

"The difficulties with this matter are how far we may have to bend for other religious groups or for more Orthodox Jewish teachers who may want to take off all the holidays," he said.

"At some point, it becomes an economic problem, even though the school board supports human rights. Hopefully, we can reach some compromise through negotiations."

Currently, Seven Oaks allows Jewish teachers to take off the three days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, but those who do have to pool money to pay for substitutes.

"We try to employ as few substitutes as possible to keep costs down," Wiens said.

Assiniboine South allows one day's paid leave for Jewish holidays, while Winnipeg No. 1, the city's largest school division, allows two days off with pay.

"This will have to play out through the courts," said Anita Neville, chair of Winnipeg No. 1's board of trustees.

In Fort Garry, reports Richard Swyston, president of the Port Garry School Division Teachers Association (and one of the Jewish teachers involved in the legal action), non-Christian teachers can book off for religious holidays but are either docked pay or have to pay for substitutes.

So far, there has been no formal response from any of the school divisions. Myers expects a fall hearing.

From coast to coast

Detention helped Cass become debating champ

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's entirely possible that Randy Cass, 24, would never have become an international debating champion if he hadn't got a detention as a high school student.

About nine years ago, Cass was penalized for a minor infraction of school rules at Upper Canada College. He was given the option of participating in a debating tournament because the team was short a debater.

"I had a blast," Cass said of the experience.

Now finished his second year at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Law, Cass is a veteran of tournaments in North America, England, Ireland and Russia.

Randy Cass

At a Canadian University Society of Intercollegiate Debating tournament held in Lennoxville, Que., Cass was selected top speaker. His Hart House Debating Society team placed first out of 70 teams.

Earlier this year, Cass was selected one of the top 10 university debaters in the world in an international tournament at Princeton, N.J.

His debating skills have earned him a number of other awards — among them 1994-95 North American Debating Champion, 1993-94 Central Canadian Public Speaking Champion and Public Speaking Champion for three consecutive years (1990-92) at the University of Western Ontario, where he studied business. He describes his debating style as "straightforward."

Even before his first high school debate, Cass took part in an inter-school debate at Holy Blossom Temple's religious school, which he attended following his elementary school years at Leo Baeck Day School. His topic was What's More Important in the Jewish Faith — Great Jewish Military Leaders or Great Intellectuals?

Last year Cass argued for the prosecution of elderly Nazi war criminals during the semi-finals of the North American championships. "My partner [Montrealer Avery Plaw] and I were both Jewish, but we never brought that out in the debate. It was a common sense debate.

"[We argued that] the law is not a game of hide and seek where if you stay hidden long enough, you don't have to answer for your crimes."

Cass' debating experience has taught him that "there's a credible argument to almost anything," he said.

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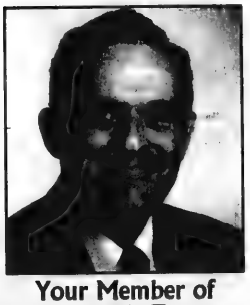
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'Donations' campaign launched by NIF

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Avi Armoni

TORONTO — An Israeli citizen can get a tax write-off for donating money to a football team but not to a civil rights association.

That situation, which poses but one obstacle for philanthropically-inclined Israelis and worthy causes, could change as early as next year because of a current three-pronged campaign to change the "culture of giving" in Israel.

The project was launched in November by the New Israel Fund (NIF), a group supporting Israeli grassroots organizations that deal with social and economic issues.

The campaign, which focuses on tax reform, public attitudes and fundraising techniques, has become a priority for Avi Armoni, the fund's director in Israel. He visited Toronto and Montreal recently to meet with local NIF supporters.

Philanthropy in Israel — or, more accurately, its relatively low percentage — has been an increasingly important issue for Armoni since he joined the fund in 1991.

The Diaspora Jewish community donates about $1.4 billion (US) to Israeli causes, said Armoni. Israeli philanthropy, in contrast, totals under $100,000 (US) annually. In the United States that translates to a $165 annual donation per person, as compared to about $14 per person in Israel.

In Israel individuals and small businesses account for 22 per cent of all giving to the non-profit sector, compared to 90 per cent in the United States, said Armoni.

According to an NIF press release, many Israeli Jews view fundraising as "aggressive" and "unseemly." High taxes in Israel contribute to negative attitudes toward philanthropy.

The issue of Israeli giving was brought to public light last year when Israel's deputy foreign minister, Yossi Beilin, announced that Israelis no longer need American support.

Armoni disagrees. "There is a need for philanthropic dollars in Israel," he said in an interview at the Toronto offices of the New Israel Fund of Canada. "There is a need for philanthropy to remain...in the spirit of Kol Yisrael Areivim Zeh Lazeh (all of Israel is responsible for one another)."

He does agree with Beilin that Israelis "can give and should give to charities in Israel," and has suggested that Israelis could join with Diaspora partners to fund international projects in places like Russia.

The NIF campaign kicked off with a Tel Aviv conference, at which Beilin was keynote speaker.

Armoni emphasizes that Israelis "have a strong tradition of tzedakah and volunteerism. If there is a disaster, people open their homes to strangers."

AIDS QUILT TO BE DEDICATED

As a result of a successful Mitzvah Making Day program at Temple Emanu-el last fall, young adults from the the pre-confirmation class created an 'AIDS quilt.' Each patch of the quilt (seen above) honors individual Jews who died of AIDS. The quilt will be dedicated to the memory of Aisha Howard, a former member of the congregation who was active in the AIDS community. The service will take place on Friday, June 2 at 8:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-el.

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Opposition parties reject Golan withdrawal

Show solidarity with residents in area

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Likud and Tsomet party leaders visited the Golan Heights Sunday to show solidarity with residents battling the threat of withdrawal.

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu and party activists, including nine other MKs, visited Kibbutz Elrom — the leading candidate for dismantling in the first stage of any peace accord with Syria.

Netanyahu charged that the government, having won the support of many Golan residents in the elections, including most Elrom members, was now selling them out.

"I can say with certainty that the government is no longer negotiating over the Golan, but over the demilitarization of parts of the Galilee," he told Elrom members and Golan Heights residents committee officials.

Tsomet MKs, led by party leader Rafael Eitan, made their stand at Nukeib, a former Syrian stronghold overlooking Kibbutz Ein Gev on the Kinneret's eastern shore.

Eitan said it was "inconceivable" that a nation's leaders would yield on the negotiating table what the country's sons had won on the battlefield.

For their part, Druze residents were more optimistic about the prospects of peace and of again being under Syrian rule.

"I believe everything is ready for a peace accord and that it is only a matter of time," said one Druze leader.

"We have waited a long time, but now it is on the horizon and I hope one day soon the sun will rise and we will be back under Syrian rule and peace will reign in the region for the benefit of all," he said.

Even among more pro-Israeli Druze, there was no anxiety or concern at the prospects of a "Druze Villages First" deal as the first stage of a peace accord.

"We have been here under the Turks. The British were here and the Israelis. We will stay here in our homes and on our land, if it is returned to Syria or not, and that's the difference between us and the Jewish settlers," said one.

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Rabin: Obligation to build Jerusalem for all residents

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The following is the text of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's speech last Sunday night, part of a publicly broadcast ceremony held to honor of the 28th anniversary of Jerusalem's reunification.

Speaking just days after the Jerusalem land expropriations were frozen, Rabin declared:

"All governments of Israel, including the present government, have been fully confident that what was determined in 1967, what was legislated in 1988 — transforming Jerusalem into a unified city under Israeli sovereignty, the capital of Israel, the heart of the Jewish people — these are facts that will endure for eternity.

"All governments of Israel have accepted upon themselves the commitment to respect the sanctity of Jerusalem, for other religions as well, and all governments of Israel have preserved — and this government will continue to preserve — freedom of religion and freedom of access ... to their holy sites.

"The government's effort is, obviously, to maintain a set of relations for the development of Jerusalem. I refer to united Jerusalem, in accordance with the decisions of the government and the Knesset, for the benefit of all the city's residents ... It is our obligation to continue building Jerusalem for the good of all its residents.

"We are the sovereign, we are the official rulers in united Jerusalem, and as a Jewish state, we must also be tolerant and we must also ensure the civil rights of all people living in united Jerusalem.

"Next year, we will celebrate the 3000th anniversary of Jerusalem's establishment. I hope that these celebrations ... [do not] ignore the fact of its sanctity and of its status as a very important city also for members of other religions and for its non-Jewish residents," Rabin stated.

Israel's cabinet declared that it "will act to strengthen the status of united Jerusalem as the exclusive capital of Israel and will fight any attempt to impair this status.

"The cabinet, in cooperation and coordination with the Municipality of Jerusalem, will do its utmost for the continued strengthening and prosperity of Jerusalem for the welfare of all its residents of all nations and religions," it added.

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Clock is ticking on deal: Christopher

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of Likud leaders hostile to a deal on the Golan would certainly suggest that conclusion to Assad."

While Assad knows time is running out for a deal, Christopher said, he will never display any hurry, since it could undercut his bargaining stance.

"You will never see a quality of desperation from Assad. He is too meticulous and controlled for that," Christopher said.

Israel's Channel 1 reported Sunday night that an unnamed Israeli businessman had held an unspecified number of meetings with a nephew of Assad in different European capitals.

It said the meetings were taking place with the direct authorization of Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and with Rabin's knowledge.

According to the report, the nephew is the son of Assad's brother Rifat and a meeting was held at the home of Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlas's daughter in Paris last January.

Officials in Rabin's office said they have no knowledge of such meetings. Beilin was not available for comment.

There is speculation that the Israeli may have been Nimrod Novik, a former government adviser turned businessman.

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His statement last Wednesday came amid word that the privatization of the airline could lead to a change in policy.

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Security tight as Berlin Jews dedicate centre

By BELINDA COOPER
Special to The CJN

BERLIN — In a ceremony that teetered between the impressive and the pompous, Berlin's Jewish community recently dedicated its new Centrum Judaicum, a Jewish centre in what once was Germany's largest Jewish house of prayer, the New Synagogue.

An attack the night before on a synagogue in the northern city of Lubeck — for the second time in a little over a year — lent the ceremony special significance, and made for especially tight security. Hundreds of green-clad, machine-gun toting police guarded the magnificent golden-domed building on Oranienburgerstrasse; the prostitutes who usually line this main tourist drag had vanished; traffic was halted for blocks; and sharpshooters lined the roofs of surrounding buildings.

After having their bags checked by security guards, 3,000 guests and numerous journalists crowded into the open-air courtyard behind the synagogue, on the site of what was once the main hall of prayer.

In addition to German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the head of the German Jewish community, Ignatz Bubis, guests included a group of Jewish police from New York and several hundred former Jewish citizens of Berlin invited back for the ceremony. The audience also included Berlin's most prominent Jewish and non-Jewish citizens — just as the synagogue's original dedication in 1866 had done.

The Berlin Jewish community at that time was at the height of its prosperity and confidence. The synagogue, built in the Moorish style popular at the time (which led some anti-Semites to accuse the Jews of emphasizing their foreigness), was a centre of the Berlin community.

On Kristallnacht, in November 1938, the synagogue escaped destruction because of the bravery of police chief Wilhelm Krotzfeld, who had the fire department put out the first fires set by Nazi thugs. During this year's ceremonies, a plaque was put up in Krotzfeld's honor.

The last religious service was held in the building in 1940; the German army later used it as an office and storage depot.

Badly damaged in 1943 by Allied bombers, the New Synagogue was partly demolished — like many other surviving synagogues in both parts of Germany — in 1958. Few protested; many Jews neither expected nor wanted Jewish life to continue in Germany anyway.

The new Centrum Judaicum contains a small synagogue and a mikvah, but it will be mainly a centre of Jewish activity and education.

At the dedication, Jerzy Kanal, leader of the Berlin Jewish community, said, "We will strive to fill this building with Jewish intellectual life. We want to make it a place where all Berliners can find out about Judaism, and help Jewish people to find their Jewish identity on a religious, scholarly and traditional basis."

Berlin's Jewish population has grown enormously in the last few years, mainly through an influx of Russian Jews; the official count is now 10,000, while unofficial estimates put it as high as four times that many.

To some observers, a building as imposing and magnificent as the Centrum Judaicum seems, disturbingly, to be more facade than content in a country with so few Jews. The question often asked in recent days has been whether Jewish life really has any future in Berlin. Berlin Mayor Eberhard Diepgen spoke at the ceremony of a "new epoch in Jewish life."

But Jews are more reserved. Historian Andreas Nachama, an active member of the Jewish community who was also very involved in the commemorations of May 8, is skeptical: "I think in Berlin, the most important city in central Europe, there will be an insignificant Jewish community."

But he refused to make any predictions. "When I was bar mitzvah in 1963, the rabbi said there would be only 800 Jews in Berlin in the year 2000. So I don't want to be a prophet."

'WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM HIS FRIENDS'
British rock legend Joe Cocker shows off a "Peace Medal" he was awarded recently in Jerusalem by Israeli Tourism Minister Uzi Baram. **[RNS photo]**

May 22:

• A heat wave descended upon Israel. The hot, heavy desert wind from the Arabian peninsula scorched the country. In Jerusalem temperatures reached 38C, in the Kineret 40C, along the coastal plain 36C, and in Eilat 46C.

• Shimon Peres met with Yasser Arafat and pledged Israel will do its utmost to conclude negotiations on the interim agreement by July 1. Israel agreed to grant 4,000 additional work permits to Palestinians, bringing the total number to 34,750.

May 23:

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Prime Minister Rabin met with senior government officials to discuss the state of negotiations with the Palestinians. According to the newspaper, the prime minister was told that Yasser Arafat had taken a tougher stand against terrorism and that the Palestinian Authority had taken positive steps to curb terror in Gaza.

• Osama el-Baz, an advisor to President Mubarak, visited Israel. El-Baz met with both Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres. During his meetings, he spoke of Egypt's desire to improve relations and cooperation in the wake of recent tensions that arose between the countries.

May 24:

• *Ha'aretz* reported that San Marino, a small state located within Italy, with a total population of 23,000 and covering an area of 61 kilometers, has decided to establish full diplomatic relations with Israel.

May 25:

• During his visit to Israel, Prime Minister Rabin advised Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Victor Posavalyuk that Iran is leading a war against the peace process and is trying to destabilize the region. Iran finances and coordinates the activities of extremist Islamic terrorist organizations.

• According to Kol Israel, Israel will soon begin drilling for water in Jordanian territory in the Arava region.

May 26:

• Dr. Yaakov Adler, a former director general of Magen David Adom, has been appointed Deputy Medical Director for United Nations Peacekeeping Forces. He is the first Israeli to receive such an appointment from the UN.

• *Yediot Aharanot* reported that former Chief of Staff Ehud Barak will soon be appointed to the Cabinet.

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Jewish groups welcome war crimes action

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Earlier, Rock and Immigration Minister Sergio Marchi had stated that authorities would commence legal actions against only four suspected Nazi war criminals out of 12 files that had been completed by Justice's war crimes unit. That policy came under fire from Jewish groups, which accused the government of tokenism and of pursuing a go-slow approach. Last week's announcement was applauded by Jewish organizations, some seeing it as a watershed event.

"We're delighted. We've been pushing for taking action in all the cases as soon as it is feasible," said Canadian Jewish Congress spokesperson Jack Silverstone. "We regard this as a breakthrough. [Government spokespeople] had been very adamant about holding to four cases."

"We believe it's very significant in that the government has gone beyond its original committment to bring forward only four cases this year," said B'nai Brith Canada spokesperson Paul Marcus. "We hope the logjam has been loosened. We urge the government to keep up the momentum, show leadership and bring forward all remaining cases without delay."

Recent developments indicate "Mr. Rock is a man of his word," said Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre. "They've already proceeded with greater speed and a greater number of cases than the previous government did in five years. It's very encouraging."

Though he declined to comment on the specifics of the cases, Reporter said: "The minister always stated, there wasn't a token four [cases] or a ceiling of four. Four would be started" and because they had been successfully initiated, others could also be launched, he said.

Reporter acknowledged that Justice was also initiating deportation proceedings against several suspected Somali war criminals. "There are common principles involved in terms of ensuring that Canada is not going to be a haven for war criminals," he said.

Silverstone suggested that "momentum is building" and it appears "the government sees the proceedings against [alleged]war criminals as part of their ordinary mandate...If we get a number of cases going, it would become part of the routine administration of justice in the country, not some cause celebre."

Gazit doubts peace process

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The agreements will take years, Gazit reasons, because Israel's immediate neighbors do not see peace as a priority. For now, he asserts, problems at home take precedence over normalization with Israel.

Take Syria, which last week agreed to a framework for further discussion with Israel over the Golan Heights.

"Syria is facing very serious domestic economic problems," Gazit said. "For Syria not to regain the Golan Heights in the immediate future in not an urgent issue."

There are also internal pressures within Egypt, which Gazit said is being forced to adopt an anti-Israel stance to pacify its fundamentalist population, and within Lebanon, which cannot shake Syrian control.

Gazit does not foresee a breakthrough in Palestinian-Israeli negotiations before the December deadlines for Palestinian elections, but said he is "optimistic about the Palestinian track in the longer run," even if Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin fails to return Labor to power.

"The breakthrough is not the personal achievement of [PLO leader Yasser] Arafat on the one hand and Rabin and [Foreign Minister Shimon] Peres on the other. It is the outcome of the overall conditions in the world, in the Middle East, in Israel and among the Palestinians ... The rest is tactics."

For now, Gazit is taking the peace process "with a pinch of salt.

"We have to be very careful not to undertake any agreements that might be dangerous to our security, because if tomorrow circumstances change, and if [the Arab countries] feel there is a chance — 10, 15 or 20 years down the road — to have a smashing military victory, then to hell with the agreement."

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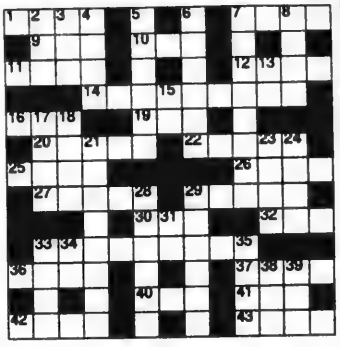

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19 Dead Sea is named in Arabic the Sea of -
20 Blocks tunnel leading into burial chamber of Herod's Family Tomb
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25 Lake trout go to this water when water warms up
26 Cargo
27 Good host tree for mistletoe
29 Appointed commander of Jerusalem on July 23 1948
30 And not
32 Letter on top
33 Calculating
36 Political party
37 Observe
40 Scottish: give
41 Tincture
42 French: be or exist
43 You can do this with air rights

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3 This cream adds calories
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5 Destroyed in 586 BCE
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8 Famous guns
17 Aboard
18 Fixed costs can change in a - function
21 Such leaves are on the same level
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24 Lucid
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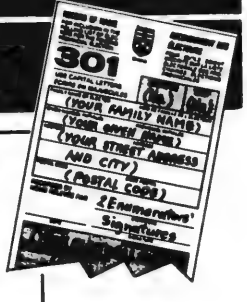

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Robin Kay:Retail chain head

Clothing for the environmentally conscious

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

"Taking a garment from a thread on a cone to putting it in a store is extremely intense," says Robin Kay, knitwear manufacturer and head of the Robin Kay retail chain.

So she was understandably wary when her husband, who is also her business manager, suggested they move into environmentally conscious products.

Adding another facet to the arduous process of manufacturing and retailing knitwear was not something she wanted to do, she says. But after many long talks with her husband, Keir Brownstone, she became infused with his passion for the environment and got excited about the idea.

"Once I understood the essence of his environmental conversations, I couldn't help but become very keen about it," she said. "I'm very grateful he insisted on it and enlightened me towards it and that I have enough perception to pick it up and turn it into material goods."

Since the end of the '80s, Robin Kay has grown into the world's largest chain of environmental stores.

In the 13 stores — 12 across Canada and one in Santa Monica, Calif. — 20 per cent of the featured clothing is made with unbleached, undyed cotton or with geneticaly colored cotton, a fabric that requires no dyeing since it is bred to grow in either soft brown or heather green. The stores also carry a line of towels, linens and bedsheets in unbleached, undyed cotton and other environmentally conscious housewares.

An eclectic mix of merchandise

Kay said many of her customers are unaware they are buying environmentally conscious clothing, "but they buy it because it looks good." She calls that "unconscious environmentalism," adding "we should be purely and truly unconscious about our enviromentalism — it should be that natural for us."

Noting that "what we buy, how we buy it, how much we do or don't buy and what we do with it afterwards," have a major impact on the environment, Kay said she is proud her company has been able to give customers the option of purchasing products created without harming the environment.

Originally from Winnipeg, Kay opened her first store on Bellair Street in Toronto's Yorkville district in 1978. "I didn't find that I worked well for other people," she recalled, "and I think this is an important characteristic of entrepreneurial people."

She sold an eclectic mix of merchandise, including used clothing, pieces made by local designers and army uniforms, and lived upstairs from the shop.

It was after moving the business a couple of blocks over to Hazelton Avenue that Kay first set eyes on a "fantastic" knitted cotton sweater, brought in by designer Judith Adam. "I thought this sweater deserved to be more than a sweater. I designed a line with her of pieces, and I devoted the entire store to that collection," she said.

The two women ended up going their separate ways, and Kay set up her own factory. In the early '80s most commercial knitters preferred to work with synthetics. It was a struggle, she remembers, but she eventually found a knitter willing to use cotton. Today the Robin Kay head office, located in a warehouse on Dufferin Street, houses several electronic knitting machines, a design space and offices.

After 17 years in business, Robin Kay has 70 employees. There are plans to open a 14th store in Vancouver this fall, and the company recently started wholesaling in the United States.

Robin Kay moved into environmentally conscious products on her husband's advice

Revenue have climbed toward the $5-million mark, according to a recent *Globe and Mail* article, which puts the company squarely in the major leagues. Kay, however, raised her guard when asked to comment on the sales figures. "I don't feel it's relevant. I feel what's relevant is what you see and how it's projected because I feel you get too classified by these numbers."

But on the subject of running a business in Canada, especially an all-Canadian company, Kay is willing to speak her mind. "Taking on manufacturing in Canada with taxes and labor is very difficult. It's very costly, it's very stressful.

Quality control maintained

"The cost of maintaining our machinery here is very high. We could manufacture for probably a quarter of the price offshore, but our efforts and part of our mission statement as a company is to be a Canadian company, so the financial questions that one is interested in are far beyond what do you do in sales per year," she said.

It is essential for her to manufacture here and oversee the process, Kay says. "I don't want to sell a sweater that will fall apart in two or three years. Our sweaters stand the test of time. I can see the cutters cutting these sweaters here and I can see the sewers sewing them up, and I know that the quality control is extremely high."

She expects that Robin Kay will continue to grow because it has wholeheartedly embraced environmentalism and she "believes very much" in the environmental positioning of the company. "I think that the company has tremendous potential," she said.

Kay combines the demands of running the business with raising a family — Jacob, 13, Brooklyn, 9, and Zoe, 4. Pondering her daily juggling act, she said, "Mothering is a profession in itself and needs thought and time, so the challenge is the balance.

"I work the thousand hours that are available per week. I'm always working whether I'm here or at home, and I love it."

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Halifax sole Canadian port for Zim Israel

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — While Zim Israel Navigation may do business in 250 ports worldwide, for the past 23 years its sole port of call in Canada has been Halifax — and it's destined to remain so for many years to come.

As Zim celebrates 50 years of operation, the Israeli-based shipping company has solidified its position as the largest carrier in Halifax by talking of a long-term, company-wide expansion that includes extra calls to the Atlantic port and the addition of three more ships to its fleet, bringing the total number of vessels to 15.

Zim now averages one call every eight days in Halifax.

"We value the business of the area and the excellent service we have received in the port of Halifax," said Zim Canada president Judith Schlesinger.

To celebrate Zim's 50th anniversary, Zim Canada and the Halifax Port Corporation sponsored a two-month exhibition of Saint John, N.B., artist Fred Ross' work at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia. The Art of Fred Ross: A Timeless Humanism was officially opened by Schlesinger and Port Corporation head Merv Russell.

Founded in 1945, Zim has called at Halifax since 1972, three years after the opening of the Halterm container pier in the city's south end.

"We bring goods through Halifax to the rest of Canada and send Canadian goods to the rest of the world," said Donald Pelley, Zim Canada's Maritimes general manager.

"Each voyage starts in Israel but the percentage of Israeli cargo is insignificant. Our ships are constantly picking up and dropping goods along their routes."

Pelley said 90 per cent of cargo arriving in Halifax is destined for Ontario and Quebec. It is shipped inland by rail.

Zim employs 12 people in its Halifax office and another 50 at the Canadian head office in Montreal. Each of its ships carries the equivalent of 1,500 12-metre containers.

Judith Schlesinger chats with Barbara Newman at the opening of an art exhibit at Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, co-sponsored by Zim Canada to celebrate its 50th anniversary of operation.

Quebec, Israeli firms ink cooperation pact

TEL AVIV — The Mouvement des Caisses Desjardins, Quebec's largest financial institution, has signed a cooperation agreement with Bank Hapoalim.

The agreement was signed by Jocelyn Proteau, president of the Federation des Caisses Populaires Desjardins de Montreal, and Amiram Sivan, chair of the Bank Hapoalim management board.

Hapoalim and Desjardins say they will work to develop joint banking activities in the areas of investment and financial service.

The move is designed to make future business activities between Quebec and Israeli interests more convenient and effective.

Two dozen Desjardins officers and Quebec business executives were in recently Israel for a ground-breaking business mission. The Desjardins delegation toured Bank Hapoalim facilities and met with Israeli executives in various commercial fields.

The mission is to be followed by bi-annual delegations from the Desjardins Group, and from Israeli industrialists.

The Mouvement des Caisses Desjardins is the umbrella for 1,300 associated credit unions operating throughout Quebec, including a branch in Cote St. Luc.

It provides a range of banking services, including those of the international level. The Desjardins group's assets are $80 billion.

With more than $40 billion (US) in assets, Bank Hapoalim maintains 364 branches in Israel and 17 other countries.

Visiting Israel were Joshua Ronn, Herb Lukofsky, Bernard Dalbec, Yves Merette, Claude-R. Tetu, and Pierre Brunet of the Desjardins group.

Members of the Desjardins delegation combined their business mission with a tour of Jerusalem.

All-natural ice cream introduced

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The most popular ice cream in the United States has just been introduced into the Canadian market.

Breyer's All Natural Ice Cream along with the chocolated-layered ice cream dessert Viennetta, both kosher products, were launched into Canada's $365 million-a-year ice cream market by Good Humor-Breyers, the ice cream division of Unilever Canada.

The company is embarking on an aggressive advertising campaign, including billboard ads and radio and television spots, beginning this month and running through most of the summer.

The company plans to spend as much promoting Breyer's ice cream and Viennetta as is currently spent advertising all other Canadian brands combined, according to Ken Weir, a brand manager in Good Humor-Breyers' marketing division. "The ice cream category as a whole hasn't seen a lot of advertising," he said.

Breyers ice cream contains no artificial preservatives, colors or stabilizers. A new technique enables the company to make ice cream without emulsions or stabilizers without compromising the shelf life of the product.

Used in ice creams to keep costs down and increase shelf life, additives have no harmful effects, maintains Jim Summers, director of research and development for Breyers ice cream in Canada. Weir said, however, that additive-free ice cream tastes better.

In the '80s, market research indicated that health-conscious consumers wanted certain preservatives removed from their diets, Weir said.

"As a consumer-focused company — Breyers sells by meeting or exceeding our customers expectations — we recognized this new consumer attitude not as a fad but as an emerging long-term trend and re-examined the way we made ice cream."

Available at supermarkets and specialty stores, Breyers All Natural Ice Cream in nine flavors and Vienetta in chocolate and vanilla, will be promoted through in-store samplings, as well as sampling programs at the CN Tower, Ontario Place, Canadian Open, Canadian Tennis Championships and Molson Indy.

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Arts

Ashkenaz festival brings Yiddish culture to T.O.

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ashkenaz is coming to Harbourfront July 4 to 9.

In what promises to be one of the largest Yiddish festival of the arts held anywhere in the world, Ashkenaz is bringing to Toronto the culture and lifestyle of the Yiddish-speaking world of Eastern Europe.

The many performing art spaces ranging from Molson Place to the Water's Edge Cafe will be alive with the sound of klezmer bands, Yiddish storytellers, actors giving voice to Jewish content plays, and to top it all off a parade through Harborfront the afternoon of July 9, with giant puppets, noisemakers and musicians.

"In size and scope there has never been anything like it," said Ashkenaz artistic director David Buchbinder.

The multi-media opera *Golem* by electronic music pioneer Richard Lowe Teitelbaum, with an international cast, and the avant-garde jazz quartet Masada, led by John Zorn of New York, are part of a double bill July 5 and 6 at the DuMaurier Theatre.

That is to be followed July 7 and July 8 in the same locale by a double bill of the famous Travelling Jewish Theatre of San Francisco performing *Snake Talk* and the innovative Liz Lerman Dance Exchange of Washington, D.C., performing *In This Moment*. In *Snake Talk* three characters emerge out of one woman, a Jewish immigrant mother, an artist and a street crone, and they take us through the worlds of aging and death, jealousy, creation, transformation and survival. Details of a gala opening, July 4, at the DuMaurier Theatre will be announced later.

The Winnipeg Jewish Theatre is coming to town to perform Sheldon Oberman's award-winning powerful children's play *The Always Prayer Shawl*, a treat for the whole family. Among other fea-

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Arts

Joan Rivers discusses how one can survive anything

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Joan Rivers

TORONTO — There's a scene in Joan Rivers' autobiographical TV movie, *Tears and Laughter*, which aired last year, that contrasts starkly with her life today. In it, she sits tearfully clutching the suicide note left for her by her late husband, moaning softly, "I'm not a survivor. I'm not a survivor."

For the better part of the past year, however, the sixtyish comedian has been on the lecture circuit discussing How to Survive Anything. Next Tuesday she will appear at Roy Thomson Hall as part of the Conversations lecture series.

Following the 1987 death of her husband Edgar Rosenberg after 22 years of marriage, Rivers was inundated with letters and phone calls from people who wanted her advice on getting through their own grief.

"That's how this whole lecture thing started," Rivers told *The CJN* during a phone interview last week from New York.

Now she is working on a book about survival, scheduled to come out next spring.

There are a number of other projects on the go: she still sells her eponymous line of jewelry on the QVC shopping network and has a book on jewelry due out this fall; there are cable TV specials in the works and a play she was scheduled to read.

To her great disappointment, the Broadway play she co-wrote and starred in last year, *Sally Marr...and her Escorts*, is no longer running.

"Push forward," she advises. "You can't change what happened in the past."

The hectic pace of her life is evident from the moment she picks up the phone. "I'm waiting for another call, so we may be interrupted. Let's talk fast."

Ten minutes later, it's, "The other phone call just came in. Can I call you back?"

Fifteen minutes later: "Where were we?" and the interview continues.

Rivers is convinced that "everyone can get through everything if you just know how." Although she's serious now, she switches deftly to humor mode, comparing survival to getting through childbirth and mimicking the pregnant woman who wonders, "How is it ever going to get out of *me*?"

Even in her darkest moments — including the failure of her late-night talk show which precipitated her husband's suicide — Rivers never lost her sense of humor, which she describes as "seeing reality through a cracked mirror.

"I think my humor gets me through everything."

A recently bereaved friend has asked her to call him every day, she said. "There's not one person here who allows me to smile," he told her. "I tell him very sick jokes, all about death."

Rivers has never censored her material. "I figure that the people who come to see me know what to expect.

Maybe it's *because* her routine is so frank, that she can create a cozy atmosphere of shared confidences with a single trademark question: Can We Talk?

While the trappings of Rivers' lifestyle — the limousine, the glamorous clothes — may differ from those of her audience, she insists that "it's a different covering, but inside it's the same piece of chocolate.

Rivers still belongs to New York's Temple Emanu-El, where she and her daughter Melissa were barred from a Yizkor service on the Yom Kippur following Rosenberg's suicide. They had arrived late due to heavy traffic.

"Going [to synagogue] three times a year isn't what [Judaism] is about," Rivers believes. "It's being good every single day, being sensitive to others. Everything is so ethical in the religion. Family is all important."

Festival brings Yiddish culture to Toronto

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tures will be Sarah Felder's provocative, poignant and hilarious take on a Jewish lesbian wedding, *Jews Bride*; Michael Wex and Heiko Lehmann's story theatre project *God in Paris*; and *In The Mother Tongue* by Adrienne Cooper, Irena Klepfisz and Joyce Rosenzweig, giving voice to three centuries of women's narrative.

Klezmer aficionados will hear their favorite music fill the air day and night July 7 to 9, in various locales at Harborfront, including the 5,000 seat Molson Place.

There will be craft booths, chotzke emporiums and workshops on Yiddish dance, song and klezmer instrumental techniques, plus public lectures and discussions on topics relating to the Yiddish cultural revival. All events, except those at DuMaurier Theatre and a few special attractions, are free.

Those who want to enjoy nightlife with a Yiddish spice can attend the The Late Night Cabaret of Dreams in the Brigantine Room or Music at the Edge July 7 to 9, both at York Quay.

For information, or to volunteer, call Harbourfront Centre, 416-973-3000 or for tickets, the Box Office, 416- 973-4000.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Good Neighbor Sam: For more than a quarter of a century, major Canadian recording distributors have donated their releases to an important musical archives at the request of Sam "the Record Man" Sniderman, the Toronto-based music industry kingpin. Today, the Faculty of Music Library at the University of Toronto houses Canada's largest research and performance music collection, an integral and impressive part of which is the Sniderman Sound Recording Archive.

This archive contains approximately 20,000 compact discs, 90,000 LP recordings, 30,000 78rpm discs and 5,000 cassettes and tapes. Items from Western and Eastern Europe, as well as ethnomusicological field recordings and historical jazz, have also been actively collected.

The Sam Sniderman 75th Birthday Barbeque is slated for June 2, commencing at 6.30 p.m. at the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. Tickets are $99.99, with proceeds going to the Sniderman Sound Recording Archive. For further information and tickets, contact Brenda Gaze, 416-967-7272.

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Nasty Girl: Anna Rosmus, heroine of the much-acclaimed German film *Nasty Girl*, speaks at the Adath Israel Congregation, 37 Southbourne Ave., Toronto, Tuesday June 6 at 7.30 p.m. Her talk is entitled The Power of One.

Rosmus, who was raised in Passau, Germany, was a teenager researching an essay when she uncovered her hometown's hidden Nazi past. For 14 years she has continued to dedicate her life to uncovering further anti-Semitism in her hometown and to combatting the neo-Nazis and the extreme right in Germany.

The event is sponsored by the Jewish Women's Federation, UJA Women's Campaign and UJA Business and Professional Women's Network. Tickets are $15 in advance, $20 at the door, $10 for students and seniors. For reservations, call Rhonda Levy, 416-631-5714.

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Toronto Jewish Film Society: On June 11, *Cup Final* (Israel, 1992; Hebrew with English subtitles) and *A Lot To Share* (Canada, 1994) are being screened at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall, 7.30 p.m. (Members must arrive by 7 p.m.)

Cup Final is Eran Rikiis's provocative drama about an Israeli soldier who is captured by Palestinians and must make the trek with them through Lebanon. *A Lot to Share*, by Coleman Romalis and Karen Shopsowitz, tells the story of a mosque and a synagogue in north Toronto that share a parking lot.

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Drabinsky Lecture: Crown Prince El Hassan Bin Talal, brother of King Hussein of Jordan, delivered the fifth lecture in the Garth Drabinsky Lecture Series recently at the St. Regis Hotel in New York City. His topic was Learning and Tolerance. Previous lecturers have included Holocaust writer Elie Wiesel and former national president of Germany, Richard von Weizsacker.

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In Brief: Jordan Merkur is the artistic director of *Walking the Dead*, by Keith Curran at Canadian Stage Upstairs, 26 Berkeley St., Toronto, until June 10.

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Based in Europe for more than 20 years, American journalist Ruth Ellen Gruber is perhaps best known among North Americans for her 1992 book *Jewish Heritage Travel: A Guide to East-Central Europe* (John Wiley, revised 1994), which focused on sites where Jews lived and died. She elaborated on her impressions of some of these places in a second volume released last year, *Upon the Doorposts of Thy House: Jewish Life in East-Central Europe, Yesterday and Today*. Travel Talk recently interviewed Gruber by E-mail between Canada and Italy.

Q: *You were posted in Europe for many years before you developed an interest in Jewish heritage sites. What specifically sparked your interest?*

A: In September 1989 I went on assignment to Hungary for several Jewish-related stories, including the rededication of the magnificent Great Synagogue in Szeged after its restoration. On the trip, I met up with my brother, Sam Gruber, who had recently become director of the Jewish Heritage Council of the World Monuments Fund. After the Szeged ceremony, we drove around Hungary and into Vojvodina (northern Serbia) to look at (and for) synagogues. In two or three days we saw about a dozen synagogues in various conditions. We were very impressed by them. I realized that I had spent years in Eastern Europe and had had no idea these places existed.

As the revolutions in Eastern Europe began developing, I started traveling more often to the region. In May 1990, I met up with my brother in Poland, and we saw about 34 synagogues in two weeks. Again, it was a revelation. I became deeply interested in these and other Jewish sites, and became committed to documenting them and putting the physical remains of Jewish civilization back on the map.

Q: *You recently wrote of your acute uneasiness at taking a Holocaust-related guided tour in Krakow that included genuine Holocaust sites as well as some stage sets from* Schindler's List. *Can you elaborate?*

A: There is a big boom of interest in things Jewish in Central Europe. It's not just in Poland, but in Germany, the Czech Republic, Hungary, even Italy. Jews and things Jewish are fashionable. I do not think that actual Holocaust sites such as Auschwitz, Terezin and the Warsaw Ghetto run the risk of being over-commercialized. But picturesque Jewish quarters in Prague, Krakow and elsewhere are being increasingly exploited for touristic reasons, in ways that sometimes seem crass and not too kosher.

What made me uneasy with the *Schindler's List* tour was the mixture of fact and fiction, and the blurring of the line between them, as if the film set and scenes somehow were as historically "real" as the actual events that happened.

Ruth Ellen Gruber photographing the Jewish cemetery in Szydlowiec, Poland. [Jonah Bookstein photo]

Q: *Why have the Jews ignored the sites of Jewish heritage in postwar Europe until recently?*

A: For many, it was too painful to look at. Many Holocaust survivors and their families wanted simply to forget their European experience once they got out. Their ultimate memories and experiences were ones of horror; virtually nothing was left of the Jewish world that had been destroyed in the Shoah. They wanted to create new lives. Europe was, in a sense, cursed.

In addition, the region was under Communist rule. Travel was difficult but, also, the Communist regimes suppressed Jewish and other religious life and had specifically anti-Semitic policies. Maurice Samuel, the essayist and translator, once called Nazism and communism "twin angels of destruction." It made anything to do with Judaism and Jews there difficult. The opening of East-Central Europe after the fall of communism has not only made travel to the region much easier, but it also enabled research into Jewish heritage possible in an open way.

Q: *What three or four sites in Poland have left the greatest impression on you?*

A: One site that made a big impression on me was the ruins of Rymanow synagogue. I have seen many ruined synagogues, but for some reason this one affected me the most. I don't know why. Maybe the size, the position. The way it looks so lonely and tragic.

Similarly, the ruined cemetery at Karczew, near Warsaw, embodied destruction. Most abandoned Jewish cemeteries are overgrow with weeds. Karczew's toppled stones are drifted over with sand. The "sands of time"? I was also deeply affected by the cemetery in Biala, southern Poland (not Bielska Biala) — beautifully shaped tombstones engulfed in high weeds on a lovely hillside. It was dreamlike, and out of the way. Other extremely impressive sites include the synagogue in Tykocin, which has been restored as a Jewish museum, and Warsaw cemetery — so huge, it's endless. It gives you an idea of the size of what was lost.

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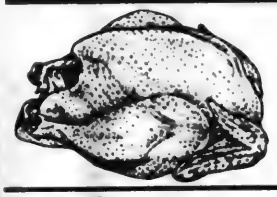

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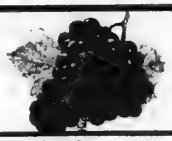

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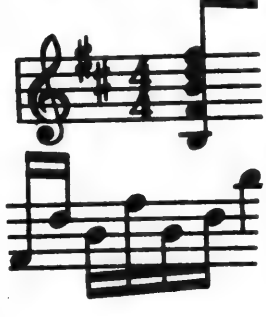
Newton, who has been a disc jockey for 21 years, says his company is divided into two sections — Magic Music Disc Jockey Services for adult parties and Mitzvah Music Disc Jockey Services which entertains at bar/bat mitzvahs and Sweet 16's."I did this because I feel that youngsters should be entertained by people closer to their age, while adults enjoy a more mature disc jockey."

Two disc jockeys are at every party, one to play the music and the other to emcee. "The emcee really runs the party. He orchestrates the speeches, conducts special songs, gets out on the floor and teaches dance steps — he keeps everything flowing smoothly."

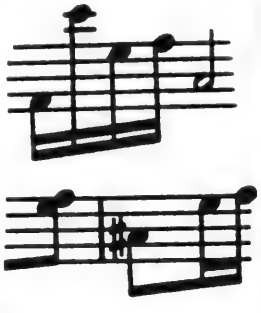
Newton says middle of the road music works best at engagement parties and weddings. "Adults, and even lots of youngsters, love doing the waltzes, cha chas and line dancing.

"Our older disc jockeys grew up in the disco era and our younger disc jockeys know today's dance steps. Together, they know every dance around."



Edwin McCurtry, program director of The Mister Disc Jockey Show (905-886-4488) says disc jockeys are much more than record changers. "There is a gap between record changers and live bands and we fill that gap. We approach every night as a show and we stand out on stage like performers."

He says when he books a show, he interviews the client to determine how formal or informal they would like the show to be.



"We specialize in props and choreography and our performers can dress up like a variety of performers like the Village People, Diana Ross, The Beatles or one of today's bands. We can also bring professional rollerbladers, magicians — any number of professional performers."

"Our shows are done in addition to, not instead of the dance party and we get out there on the dance floor teaching kids all the latest steps. We can teach in groups or as individuals — whatever our client requests. We can also do an interactive video show, which the guests love. We encourage audience participation throughout the party."

Newton says disc jockeys are playing at more and more parties because "bands are getting just too expensive. As well, people like to hear original music as opposed to a band's interpretation." However, Newton recommends having a disc jockey lined up to fill in dead air when a band takes a break.

Newton advises people that before choosing a disc jockey, they should, if possible, go out and hear him. "Otherwise, ask around and get some references. A good reference is a good way to choose."

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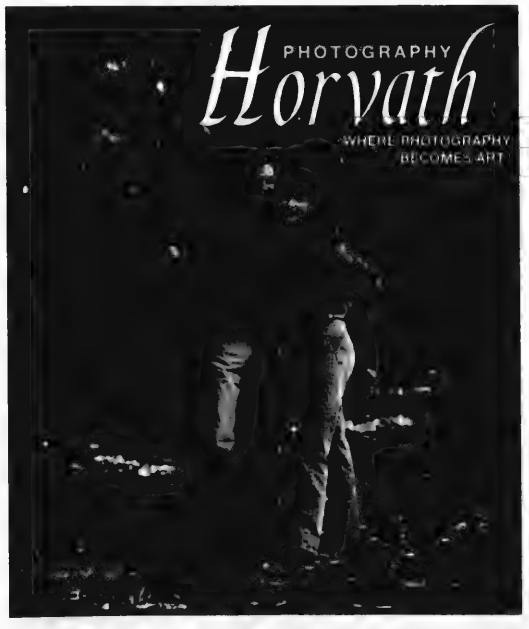

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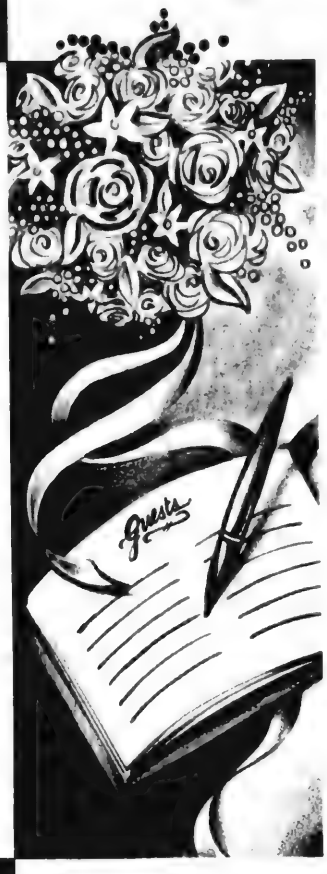

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Consultants fine tune events

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

You've picked the date and chosen the hall but you're not sure what to do next. That is where the services of an experienced party consultant come in.

Lynne Elkind (487-5334), a special event consultant, says a party consultant's job is to offer peace of mind. "I take care of all the major, minor and fine-tuned details that customers do not want to worry about when planning a special occasion. As well, I assist clients in evaluating the most practical and cost effective way of planning their event in order to satisfy their needs and budget.

"Essentially, I cover anything that needs to be done. I will help shop for dresses, choose invitations, pick up a menu — for a flat fee, I'm there from the time my services are engaged, until the party ends."

She says having a party consultant allows the hosts to relax and enjoy their simchah. "The last thing they need is to have to worry about small details. If a guest doesn't have a place to sit, I am able to seat her in a minute. It is a tiny detail, but one that could upset a host if she is trying to attend to too many things at once."

Elkind, whose career snowballed after making a surprise anniversary party for her parents, says theme parties are a large part of her business. "I did a European party in which the invitations, shaped like a flag, were written in three different languages. Guests were introduced to the mood of the party before they arrived."

Risa Gold (905-886-1918), a party consultant for three years, says parties "need a chief to which everyone can turn — someone who will orchestrate a party the way it should be run so the family members can enjoy themselves.

"Before the big day, however, I am also available to make phone calls, accompany them to the caterer, florist, photographer, even the hairdresser. Often, I am the third opinion."

Gold says on the day of the simchah she is there to help the bride get dressed and does not leave until the last professional has left the party. "I go from table to table making sure the guests are happy and I take care of the professionals — get band members or photographers drinks so they can do their job without stopping. I never boss people around but I do orchestrate the whole event, from speeches to serving the meal."

She says one of the biggest challenges faced by any consultant is ensuring there is no problem between estranged families. "I've had divorced parents, who are normally hostile, not only talking but being courteous to each other."

Gold advises people to call at least six months before the simchah so all details can be attended to in plenty of time, but says that she has had clients call at the last minute "because they just didn't realize the vast amount of work it took to make a simchah."

Other party consultants are:
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Long hair no longer in vogue

BY SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to the CJN

If Lady Godiva were to make her big entrance today, her hair would probably be short.

According to Hair After owner and stylist John Columbo (416-221-6658), current styles dictate that hair past the shoulder is passe.

When it comes to wedding hairstyles, however, Columbo and other top Toronto stylists say the only guideline to follow is making the bride beautiful.

Trained in Italy, Columbo enrolled in the hairstyling course at George Brown College when he came to Canada in 1965. His teachers noticed his skill as a stylist, and he soon found himself instructing. Columbo went on to win a world championship in Tokyo in 1983 with the Canadian hairstyling team.

Together with his staff Columbo can make a bridal party look its best. "You cannot create something that doesn't work as a whole," explains Columbo.

Hair for the bride is very important, and he prefers to consult with the bride about three months before the wedding to decide on a suitable hairstyle for her special day.

In order to have great hair on the day of the wedding, care is required in the months before. The Michael Kluthe Salon (416-925-6306) knows proper hair care is crucial to its clients. As color director Lili Jakel notes, "we make a point of informing our clients as to how to look after their hair, what products to use."

Permanents and coloring can be done with no-ammonia products. The salon specializes in haircoloring for all ages and textures of hair. Semi-permanent colors are used for the more mature hair, to blend the grey in. Jakel says this takes years off a person's appearance. Short hair is very strong this season, with good cuts and strong lines.

Michael Kluthe Salon's work has appeared in many publications including *Toronto Life Fashion* and *Chatelaine*. Their expertise in creating dramatic up-dos with full curls, for that romantic evening look, can beautify a bride.

Cathy Rodrigues, owner and senior stylist of Enrico Salon (416-482-8055), believes the total look of the bride must be considered when choosing her hairstyle. "I have to see what the gown is like. First meet a bride, see their personality and hair," she says.

She doesn't want any unwanted surprises to disrupt the day. She specializes in creating a soft look for the bride and can even create the illusion of long hair, where there is none.

Her staff has college training as well as salon experience. Enrico Salon offers hair care for the whole family, as well as manicures and pedicures, and esthetician services.

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Planners make simchahs fun

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

When party planner Phil Greenspoon says nothing he does is typical, he is not kidding.

His company, Special Events by the Prop House (416-588-7725), creates amazing theme parties — from modest affairs to full-scale extravaganzas attended by thousands of guests.

Recently, for an Aladdin theme party attended by the heads of film studios from around the world, he tented the whole room with black and white fabric. Belly dancers and a fire eater provided the entertainment, while a 6 foot 8 inch actor playing the sultan's guard was the MC.

"That was what I consider to be typical, what you expect to see at one of these functions," said Greenspoon.

He provided a unique twist by covering holes in the centres of the customized tables with colorful turbans. Once the guests were seated, the sultan's guard announced that he wanted everyone to meet their turbans. "We had sat people under the tables," recalled Greenspoon. "They were psychic psychologists, numerologists, fortune tellers and tarot card readers." Throughout the evening, they told fortunes at the tables.

He has carried the idea of the live centrepiece into other themes. At a music theme party for a bar mitzvah, he used musicians and singers as centrepieces; for another bar mitzvah, a comedian who told jokes to the guests was in the centre of the place-card table.

There is a choice of more than 50 themes, said Greenspoon. "Each theme is very well developed, so basically you can pick and choose the components to fit just about any budget."

He is available to take care of all aspects of special-event planning. However, he will do as much or as little of the planning as the host wishes. Some people request decor only, he said.

If he does plan an event, Greenspoon takes a load off the host's shoulders. "Instead of looking at 10 different florists and checking different catering and looking at all the venues, we'll do all the groundwork and go to them with a package that can be modified," he said, adding that each package comes with a written quote. He passes the discounts he receives from party professionals on to his clients.

For Sari Gorman of Gorman/McIlveen and Associates (416-322-3212), it is critical that hosts enjoy the party she and her partner plan for them. "Then we know we've had a successful party," she said.

Gorman, who has a diverse background that includes organizing corporate media events, and her partner Iain McIlveen have been making special events truly special for a combined total of more than 30 years.

The two of them are available to plan events of any size, from birthday parties for four to a charity ball or even a business convention for thousands of guests.

"We do the worrying," she said, "so the hosts can enjoy themselves."

She and her partner will personally oversee all aspects, or single aspects, of the planning. "We're not a referral service," said Gorman.

The stage designer for Roy Thomson Hall's Unique Lives and Experiences series, she takes care of any design work herself, including floral design. "Floral design," she said, "is one of my passions."

Any staff employed by the company are "highly trained," she said, and expectations are tremendous.

McIlveen, a French-trained chef with 10 years experience in kosher catering handles menu design.

The firm has an in-house consultant, Wendy Zinner, who is familiar with all the dos and don'ts of wedding etiquette, including the customs of very religious Orthodox marriages.

"She has worked with many rabbis in the city, so there are no mistakes made," said Gorman.

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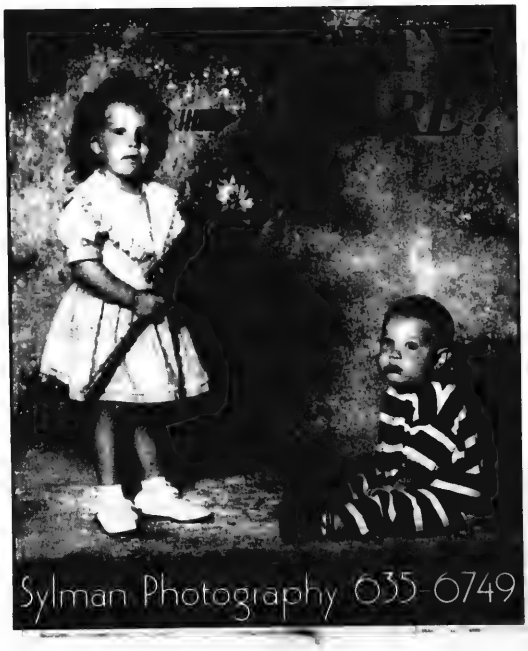

Getting your just desserts

BY RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to the CJN

A sumptuous table laid out by Sweet Yorks.

Our world may be changing at a dizzying pace, driven by the hi-tech revolution, but luckily kosher desserts — mouth watering tortes, mousse cakes and fruit flans made by this city's superb bakers — are immune to change.

"There isn't very much that's new in baking, just twists and turns of the same old varieties," said Israel Maierovits of Hermes Bakery (416-787-1234).

Maierovits ought to know about baking. His Romanian-born father, Herman, opened the original Hermes on St. Clair West in 1951. Since then, the bakery has been supplying kosher caterers with parve desserts that are sure to have guests at any simchah wanting seconds. Currently there are three Hermes locations, two on Bathurst Street and one on Sheppard Avenue.

Maierovits brought out two beautifully decorated cakes from the freezer — orange and lemon mousse — for a taste test. They are delicious, creamy tasting and, of course, parve.

Hermes has a large selection of classic tortes that are perfect for parties. They include the thalhoff torte, layers of nut cake sandwiched with a chocolate fondant filling and coated with chocolate, and the imperial coffee torte, a stunning addition to any dessert table with its edible crown.

Flans, either strawberry or mixed fruit, are a favorite with hosts as are trays of miniature petit fours, fruit tarts and danishes, Maierovits said. The bakery also prepares trays of almond florentines, nut horns and sandwich cookies.

Cakes, including wedding and bar and bat mitzvah cakes in either traditional or contemporary designs, can be made in chocolate or other flavors. Traditional Jewish themes and sports themes, such as baseball, are popular for bar and bat mitzvah cakes, he said.

Hermes uses fresh, all-natural ingredients, he stressed. "We cook our own fruit fillings for pies and grind our own nuts to have them fresh."

Sharon Firestone, who operates Sweet York Desserts (416-782-1798) out of Beth Tzedec Congregation with her partner Bill Batista, said "our cakes look really nice and, more importantly, they taste really good."

They bake a full assortment of cakes, tortes, flans, pastries and cookies, all kosher and parve, for caterers, hotels and individuals throughout the city. Only fresh ingredients are used, and the tempting cakes are decorated with fruit.

Simchah hosts can select from a dozen varieties of tortes and flans. The heavenly chocolate mousse torte — chocolate cake and mousse glazed with dark chocolate and decorated with chocolate-dipped fruit — will certainly appeal to chocolate lovers. Their banana torte, with three layers of banana/walnut cake filled with banana cream and decorated with glazed, sliced bananas and nuts, is a sweet inspiration.

There are eight types of pastries to choose from and six kinds of cookies, everything from rocky road squares to baklava to biscotti.

Sweet York Desserts makes custom-designed wedding and bar and bat mitzvah cakes in a variety of flavors, including chocolate, carrot and banana. Firestone meets clients ahead of time to plan their simchah cakes. The bakery can work form a photograph or from detailed instructions.

Firestone has some talented designers working for her, including Linda Thomas, who specializes in creating artfully decorated cakes with fondant.

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Kosher caterers provide value & elegance

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Healthy and elegant, with value for the dollar — those are the trends in kosher catering today. And L'Chaim Caterers, Regal Kosher Caterers and Firestone Caterers go all out to keep in step.

Firestone, exclusive caterer to Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, has been in the business the longest — over 30 years, says manager of catering operations Les Firestone. (His father, Sam, is still the president.)

The three banquet halls can serve from 50 to 500 people with space for dancing, and more for such events as sports banquets.

Les Firestone says the facilities are constantly being refurbished and updated, as is the menu.

"We are always looking for new and innovative ideas," such as their international menu, which might include sesame seared salmon, grilled wingbone breast of chicken with hoisin glaze and mango and apricot salsa, or oriental beggar's purses, a pouch of vegetables tied with a leek.

They even offer exotic pizzas.

People want healthier, trendier menus; so Firestone looks for recipes with olive oils, herbs, garlic and exotic vinegars.

One major change he has especially noticed in weddings, he says, is that plans are not just made by the mother of the bride.

"The bride and groom, and the groom's side are involved too."

In order to accommodate today's busy lifestyles, caterers arrange to see clients after work or Sundays — whenever it is convenient for them.

Like Regal and L'Chaim, Firestone also does sports banquets, business and corporate functions, awards dinners and Sheva Brachot.

Joanne Kates, catering manager of Regal Kosher Caterers is also conscious of the new trends.

"People want to make their simchah as warm and wonderful and elegant as they can — within the limits of their budget," she says.

Regal offers the facilities of three banquet halls at the Montecassino Hotel at Sheppard and Chesswood. Two of the rooms hold up to 350 people (with dancing facilities), while the third holds up to 150. The walls between the rooms can be opened to accomodate larger groups.

Some people, Kates said, use the smaller room for the chupah ("we set it up auditorium style") and the bigger one for the dinner.

Regal also operates King Solomon's Table, a fine dining restaurant, also at Montecassino Hotel. This can be used for small parties or Sheva Brachot, for instance.

Or, she suggests, when the restaurant is closed (Friday, Saturday nights in the winter and early Sundays), customers can use that facility then for their event.

Chinese food is the specialty of this caterer — sesame yams and lemon chicken are just two of the well-known offerings — but "you name the continent, and we can do their cuisine," Kates promises.

She has found their station menu especially popular, where each place has a different kind of food.

L'Chaim, which caters in private homes and various private banquet halls, can serve both very small and larger functions.

Business and corporate catering plays a large role in their activities, says manager Jack Ponte. "A company might be doing a presentation for their customers, and wants to serve hors-d'oeuvre, or a company might want to serve a luncheon."

Their customers know, he says, that "we cook for them, not for a thousand people. Everything is 100 per cent fresh, made from scratch, with no additives or mixes."

The Ponte family is from Morocco, and L'Chaim specializes in Middle Eastern food. Couscous is "one of our hotter items, he says, made into a salad, loaded with fresh mint and chopped tomatoes, or made with fruits or squash.

This is in line with today's health conscious consumer, Ponte says, who doesn't want as much red meat.

Like Regal and Firestone, L'Chaim is happy to recommend a florist, photographer, or anyone else needed to make the simchah special, and to advise on the perfect menu.

All three are under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto.

Elegance, elegance, elegance at a table set for a wedding at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. [Photo courtesy Sam Firestone Caterers].

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Gowns leave lasting impression

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

There are many emotionally charged moments in a wedding ceremony, but the most dramatic moment comes when the bride enters the room.

Everybody wants to see how she looks — her hair, her makeup. But it's the dress, the bridal gown, people are most curious about, as they strain to catch a glimse of the bride.

Brides are under a lot of pressure to find the perfect wedding gown because they're scrutinized closely. Buying the dress is a major decision and a major investment. That's why it's important to go to a bridal salon that offers both quality products and service.

L & J Bridal (50 Queen St. in Brampton) prides itself on service, says manager Joanne Filosa. Her mother, Angela Schirippa started the company 20 years ago; today L & J Bridal is the largest bridal shop in Canada, Filosa says.

Three floors with over 9,000 square feet of retail space provide everything the bride and the mothers of the bride and groom will need, she said.

Filosa described the store as mid-priced to high-end, with bridal gowns ranging from $1,000 to $9,000. She said on average, brides spend between $1,500 and $3,000 to be completely outfitted with gown, veil, headpiece and cloth shoes.

Silk, tulle and lace are very strong this year, Filosa said.

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Centrepieces add to the fun

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

Unusual centrepieces and party favors can add to the enjoyment of your party and make it memorable.

Almost everybody likes chocolate and Chocolate Charm owner Bob Levine has been supplying party favors of the finest Belgian and Swiss chocolate for Toronto simchahs for 12 years.

For a bar or bat mitzvah he may provide chocolate lollipops personalized with the child's name to be distributed to departing guests. Chocolate moulds are made up to represent the child's interest, from computers or baseball to dance. Smashable cakes are available, with a mallet supplied so the "star" of the evening can break up the cake before it is served.

For weddings, one- and two-truffle boxes, imprinted with the couple's initials or names and the wedding date, are decorated in a variety of colors. Chocolate filled baskets, truffles and chocolate cups ready to fill are a wonderful addition to dessert.

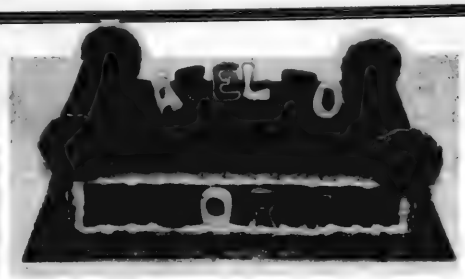
An extra special something at a bridal shower is offering each guest a chocolate rose individually wrapped in a white dot bag with a ribbon to match the party decor. For more information, call Chocolate Charm at (416-787-4256).

Flowers with Flare owner Cheryl Bernknopf (416-498-8205) creates arrangements that are fresh in every way.

"Everybody wants something different, new and exciting," says Bernknopf, and her staff is always able to deliver. Centrepieces may feature flowers on a pedestal draped down the side or helium balloons with bears, imprinted with "From the bar mitzvah of ..." With deliveries four times a week, her flowers are always fresh.

Bernknopf can match any color scheme, dyeing or spray painting if necessary. One inventive centrepiece request had her create a different storybook theme for each table, working with the characters of the story.

The Happy Days party specialists work to ensure that party memories will be just that. Owner Richard Winkler has created centrepieces, decorations, party themes and favors for all types of celebrations, including weddings, bar and bat mitzvot, showers and sweet 16s.



Chocolate Charm centrepiece (top) and Happy Days design (left).

He says balloons are becoming more popular lately, especially for weddings, where they can enhance the room with balloon bouquets, arches or sculptures.

No job is too big or too small. Happy Days has decorated for functions in Casa Loma and the Skydome, as well as in people's basements.

Party favors are personalized and are reasonably priced from $2 to $12. They range from boxer shorts, hats and key chains to custom imprinted mugs, gumball machines and socks. All edible items are approved under the Kashruth Council of Toronto.

After an initial meeting with the client, Winkler has a sample centrepiece made up, working with one of his designers.

"We're constantly coming up with new ideas and themes; we've never been stumped," Winkler says.

Custom made sign-in boards, laminated and illuminated, and arranging candle lighting ceremonies are two other Happy Days specialties. Snow cone, popcorn, miniature doughnut and candy floss machines are also available for party rentals.

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Beautiful dresses leave lasting impression

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"That's really a change. It used to be all satin."

Some American designers such as Eve Milady are showing less elaborate gowns. The bodice has the detail (beading and sequins), while the gown is simpler. Off-the-shoulder and sweetheart neckline are very popular, she added.

For headpieces, brides are choosing tiaras, which go well with traditional gowns, and beaded hairbands with a veil attached for the simpler dresses, Filosa said. Veil and headpiece packages cost between $225 and $575.

Outfits for mothers cost $525 to $4,000. "Mothers are very important to us," Filosa said. "We have a whole floor for mothers."

They don't have to wear the same colors as bridesmaids, she said, explaining that ivory and black with gold are the biggest selling colors for mothers.

For weddings with more than 150 guests, she recommends mothers wear gowns rather than cocktail suits. Filosa said mothers should not have any difficulty finding flattering gowns.

"A lot of gowns today camouflage flaws in the figure." Allen J. can also special order outfits when necessary.

Mothers and bridesmaids looking for something special should go to Betty Kastenberg, phone a better womenswear shop in the plaza on the southeast corner of Bathurst and Steeles in North York.

"We do the wedding parties, mothers of the bride and groom, showers and luncheons, as well as other simchas," Kastenberg said "We see families from the beginning when they need something for the engagement party right through to the wedding."

Cocktail suits with rhinestones are popular this year, as are slip dresses for young girls, but palazzo pants for evening wear are out, said Sharon Kaufman, Kastenberg's daughter.

Kaufman has been working with her mother since the store opened 26 years ago.

She said lace and chiffon are big sellers this summer, while outfits with sequins and heavy beading tend to be more popular in the winter. The cocktail suit is very versatile but is generally worn by the mothers for afternoon weddings; gowns for the mothers of the bride and groom are the trend for evenings, she said.

It has become more common for bridesmaids to choose their own style dress once the color scheme for the wedding has been selected, she said.

"It used to be they (the bridesmaids) all wore the same style. But now they wear whatever suits them."

Betty Kastenberg carries styles to flatter every figure, Kaufman said. She recommended suits with longer jackets for women who are bottom-heavy and long sleeve gowns with fitted beaded bodice and chiffon skirts for fuller figured women.

"The chiffon falls close to the body and is very flattering," she said.

Betty Kastenberg does a lot of special orders and there is an alterationist on hand six days a week.

The store also caters to the needs of more religious women; if the fabric is sheer the store has it lined and there are special orders for longer skirts, she said.

"We tailor clothing to fit customer's needs."

All the women in the wedding party can be fully outfitted at the Bay Bridal Salon in the flagship store at Queen and Yonge streets. The salon also carries a full line of bridal accessories.

Ethos Bridal Group, a bridal-wear company in business for more than 25 years, has been operating six bridal shops in several Bay Stores across Canada — five in Calgary and British Columbia, and one in Ontario — since 1993. Ethos also has additional bridal stores out west.

Ethos is both the manufacturer and retailer of the garments — the dresses are manufactured in the Far East — owner Chaim Homberg said. The philosophy of the Ethos Bridal Group is tied in with that of the Bay where the emphasis is on value, he said. "Value is very important. We give better prices and superior service."

Most wedding gowns cost between $400 and $900, bridesmaids dresses and mothers' outfits are $150 to $250 and $180 to $300, respectively Homberg said, adding that he also carries a nice selection of designer gowns. Customers can also have items by special order.

The bridal gowns, all handmade, come in a variety of fabrics — silk, taffeta, chiffon, organza, satin and lace. According to Homberg, silk is popular this year both for the simpler gowns and the traditional ones.

Bridal wear is as seasonal as other lines of clothing, Homberg said. "You can order dark and light colors all year round." For bridesmaid dresses, dark colors like royal blue, black, burgundy and purple are the trend.

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Books can make cooking a treat

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Cooking shouldn't be boring, not in an age when so many fresh ingredients and exotic spices are readily available.

And if you have access to the following new and creative cookbooks, you will enrich your culinary expertise:

•*The Kosher Gourmet* (Random House, $17.50) proves yet again that the sky is practically the limit when it comes to kosher food.

Editors Batia Plotch and Patricia Cobe have assembled more than 200 recipes from around the world to please any palate.

They range from the pedestrian (chicken paprikas) to the sublime (roasted peppers with anchovies and olives). This is a book well worth keeping within arm's reach.

•*Mediterranean Cooking* (HarperCollins, $24.50) by Paula Wolfert is an excellent paean to the wonders of this variegated cuisine.

In recent years, scientists and dieticians alike have belatedly reached the conclusion that the Mediterranean table, which relies heavily on green vegetables, grains, beans, lentils and fruits, is actually good for your health.

In addition, the food of this region is incredibly tantalizing. To wit: leg of lamb with garlic sauce from France, vegetable ragout from Tunisia, Tangier couscous from Morocco, fried stuffed olives from Italy and Andulusian garlic and bread soup from Spain.

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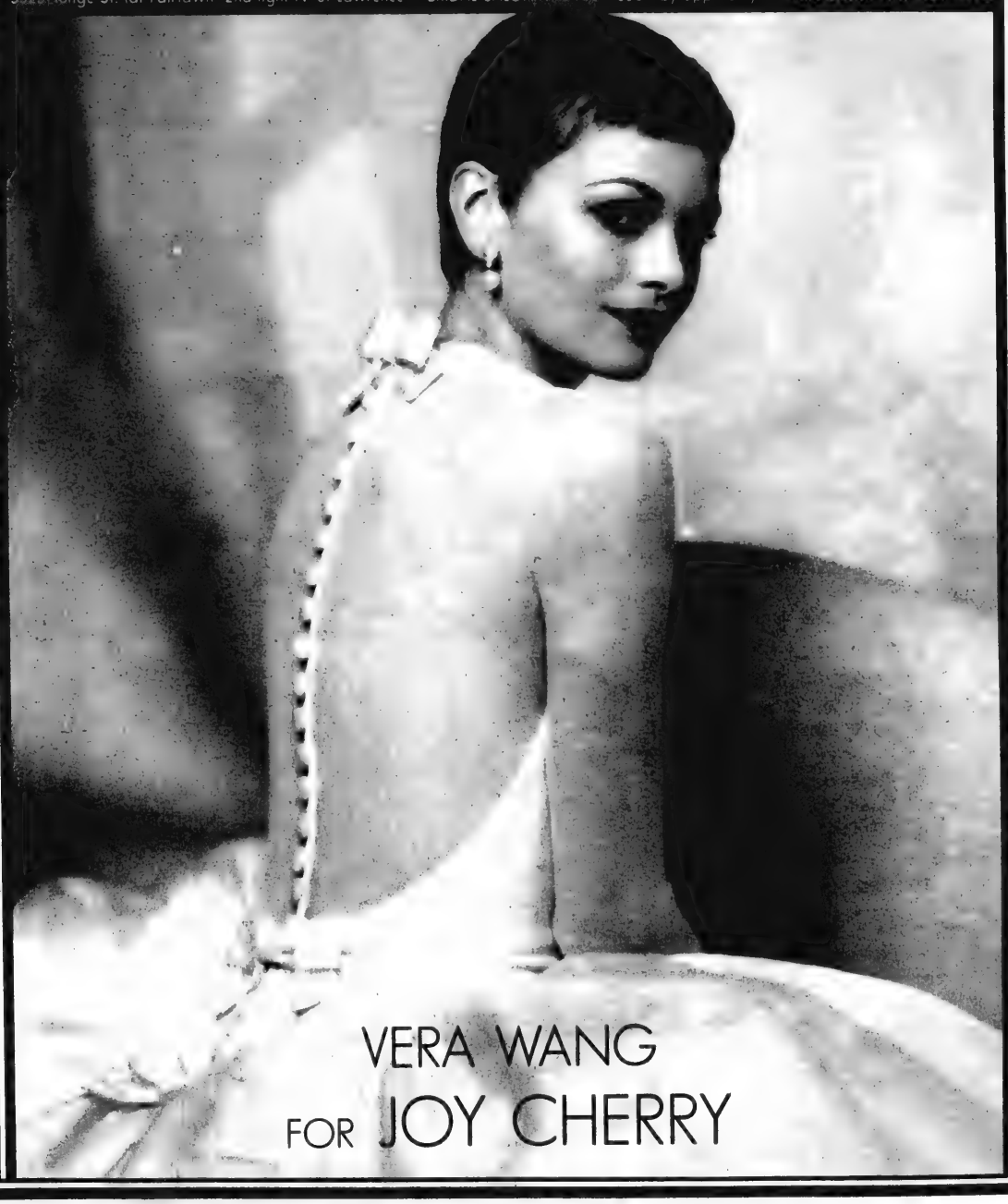

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PARTY PLANNER

Setting the musical tone

By SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to The CJN

A band sets the tone for a successful party. Two bands capable of providing a simchah with total musical entertainment are Murray Alter's The Future Sounds and The Shelly Ovdat Band.

The Future Sounds draws on Alter's 40 years of experience in the business, providing customized sounds. Planning begins once Alter has the initial consultation with the clients. He is then able to accommodate their needs and tastes.

The band has a large repertoire of Latin, ethnic, modern and big band sounds that span different periods and offer something for everyone. The band size can vary depending on the affair, and the desire of the hosts. Duos and trios are available, as are larger groups.

When asked, The Future Sounds will learn a wedding song unique to the newlyweds. The band has had such vocalists as Vivian Williams, Jackie Richardson and Arlene Duncan through many weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs and corporate functions.

The Future Sounds has a style of its own. "It seems everyone [other bands] is saying the same thing, but is everyone doing the same thing?" Alter asked. Obviously, The Future Sounds is doing something right. Contact Murray Alter's Talent Associates Ltd. at (416-782-3931).

Shelly Ovdat

The Shelley Ovdat Band (905-881-9949), takes its cue from lead singer Ovdat, whose clear voice and sparkling personality lend a touch of the exotic to any occasion. The Israeli-born singer brings a Jewish spirituality to her music, singing in Hebrew, English, Spanish, Yiddish and Russian.

Ovdat also brings her background as an international performer to her work in Toronto. It includes a busy career in Israel where she recorded many different albums for children and adults. She sang for the Israel Ministry of Tourism and with the Entertainment Corps of the Israeli army. A highlight of her career came when she was selected from 300 singers to represent Israel in an international song festival in Chile.

Singing songs of Israel, both traditional and contemporary, Ovdat feels she can "bring the spirit of Jerusalem to your heart." She has the ability to involve a crowd, sharing the warmth of her music.

Whether she is performing ballads or horas, people inevitaby clap along and enjoy themselves. She is as comfortable performing in a large hall as in the intimacy of a private home for an engagement or anniversary party.

Unlike other groups, The Shelly Ovdat band does not charge an hourly rate. If the party is going strong and their previously booked time is up, they stay on if people are having a good time.

One of Murray Alter's favorite vocalists is "Lori."

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Tents and candy machines to rent

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

From dishes, cutlery, chairs, tables and table coverings to a tent complete with a dance floor, rental companies are there to supply hosts with anything they need for their party.

David Silverman, who owns D & D Party Rentals with his wife Dorice (665-9570), says their firm can supply everything for a party but the food.

"What we do is go to the home and discuss a client's needs. We specialize in working within a budget, so if one type of china is not within their means, we can substitute another that looks as nice but costs less. We even have a big selection of glass dishes and about 6,000 settings of cutlery so we are able to please everyone.

"All dishes come wrapped in sets of five and come right out of the dishwasher so they are sparkling clean. When done, all hosts need to do is rinse and scrape. It saves a lot of time and bother."

Silverman says that backyard tents have become a popular venue for parties and D & D has a tent to suit most size parties or yards. They range in size to fit from 10 to about 400 people and are framed rather than set up with poles so there are no inside obstructions.

"If a dance floor is needed, we can set one up in the tent or in a carpeted living room or basement. We can put down a dance floor to fit up to 144 couples."

John Vanderhart, owner of Varsity Tents (410-7370), rents vinyl tents because canvas tents leak and are hard to keep clean. "Safety is an important factor when putting up a tent and we always take the time to ensure that they are installed properly. We use a swivel anchor which twirls and untwirls so not only is the tent anchored securely, there is no damage to the lawn."

He says people rent tents either as an overflow if the house is too small or if they want the entire party outdoors. "A tent gives a festive air to a party. We can put up chandeliers or ceiling fans and they can be decorated in a variety of ways. We can put down carpeting or flooring, but most people prefer the bare lawn. If it calls for rain, we can put the tent up early so the lawn underneath has a chance to dry."

Are all tents the same? "Not at all," says Vanderhart. "We have a tent for everyone, from small to large and in a variety of shapes. We can rent out a clear topped tent or an Arabian tent with a high peak — whatever tickles the client's fancy. We give an on-sight consultation and review all options."

To add a little fun to a party at any venue, hosts may want to call The Candy Man (789-7173), who rents kosher sno-cone, candy floss or mini-doughnut machines. "We have our machines at bar mitzvahs, sweet 16s, graduation parties — anywhere where there are young people," says owner Jack Schnoll.

He says that the mini-doughnuts, which are made on the spot and come in a variety of eight flavored toppings, are a hit with kids and adults and are a great alternative to the sweet table. "We provide unlimited amounts of doughnuts and because we cook upon demand, there is no waste."

The Candy Man also does candy centrepieces, a candy sweet table and has an in-house consultant who can help with any party rentals or decorations needed.

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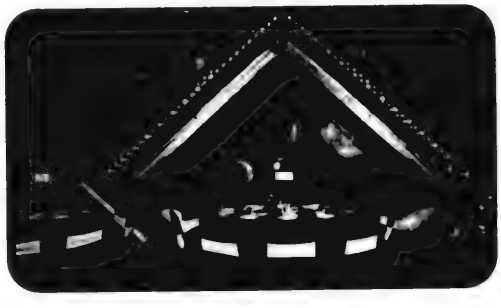

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Values brought to mitzvahs

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Putting the mitzvah'' back into bar and bat mitzvah is one goal of a new family-oriented pre-bar and bat mitzvah program instituted earlier this year at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation.

The program is a collaborative effort of four synagogue staff members: Rabbi Philip Scheim; Debbie Dash, director of programming and outreach; Shirley Vernon, executive director; and Lorne Hanick, ritual director.

''Often there is a major party and very little Judaic component, [with] even less sense of mitzvah,'' said the rabbi. ''Themes of hockey, even cartoon characters, become the focus. We want to counter that on at least two fronts.''

The program's dual focus comprises a volunteer project for each child, as well as a series of six monthly family meetings, each addressing a different Jewish value.

The volunteer project puts into action the Jewish value of *gemilut chassadim* (acts of loving kindness).

''I want this to be viewed as something that adds to the significance of the year,'' said Rabbi Scheim.

Such enhancement programs are not a new idea. Temple Emanu-El was a local pioneer in the field, when it instituted a pre-bar and bat mitzvah program about 20 years ago. As part of the Reform temple's program, students keep a diary of their volunteer experience.

In recent years, an increasing number of synagogues have looked for creative ways of enriching the bar/bat mitzvah year.

''[The celebrants] are entering a stage in life that's very exciting Jewishly, not just socially,'' said Rabbi Scheim.

Programs a growing trend

At a growing number of Toronto-area synagogues, youngsters preparing for bar and bat mitzvah ceremonies are also gaining experience in translating Jewish values into everyday life.

Mandatory programs that call for fulfilling specific mitzvot appear to constitute a growing trend across the spectrum of Jewish observance.

At Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, an Orthodox congregation in Thornhill, pre-bat mitzvah girls take part in a mandatory Chessed project, such as delivering packages to needy families. A similar program for boys is being discussed.

At Shaar Shalom, a Conservative congregation, celebrants are required to donate to a tzedakah (charity) that they have researched — one that they find meaningful — and to write an essay about the tzedakah.

Beth Shalom, also Conservative, is phasing in a series of requirement for its b'nai mitzvah. Currently youngsters are introduced to opportunities for volunteerism, but it is not yet mandatory.

A number of other synagogues also have programs encouraging youngsters to put their Jewish values to work in the greater community.

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Flowers brighten anyone's simchah

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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Take an empty room, add some flowers and greens and instantly it is transformed into an elegant, festive hall, suitable for any party.

Mary Drago, a floral designer at Jazzy Bloom (416-636-4441) says flowers are so versatile they ''say whatever you want. If you want bright, festive, formal, casual — whatever mood you want to portray, there are the right flowers.''

She says at most wedding ceremonies, brides choose flowers to enhance the color scheme of the wedding procession. ''If attendants are wearing purple, we can decorate with pink or off white flowers. At the reception, we choose flowers that will blend with the color scheme of the table coverings and other decorations. Flowers add that little something extra that other decorations just cannot.''

She stresses flowers can decorate a room beautifully on any budget. ''We can use lower cost roses and we can even work with carnations, daisies and fillers such as greens and baby's breath to transform a room into a party room that looks great. Place a few daisies in a thin glass vase, sit it in the centre of each table and you've got an elegant centrepiece at a low price. There is just no end to what a floral designer can do with flowers.''

Those with more room in their budget for flowers can opt for more exotic, imported blooms from places such as Hawaii or the Caribbean. ''Birds of paradise, ginger, halaconia, portea, antherium are all very bright and can turn a room into an island paradise.

''A middle-of-the-road budget can handle such flowers as tulips and lilies, which are locally grown in the spring or imported in the winter. Whatever we use, however, we can make a room great. That is the beauty of flowers, a tiny bit says a lot.''

Drago says those who want to retain their bouquets as a lasting memory of their wedding can speak to their florists about having them preserved. ''They stay forever and they are a treasure, not unlike a favorite photograph.''

Other florists are:
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Imaginative decor creates worlds of color and light

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

When the bride and groom walked through the entrance-way of the hall, two fireworks fountains appeared on either side of them; later, as the couple kissed, they were framed by a silver fireworks archway.

"It's quite a dramatic display," said Mark Fine, president of Airmagic Pyrotechnics and Special Effects (416-703-0425), the magician who has created such effects at several weddings.

The creator of innovative indoor and outdoor fireworks and special effects for all occasions, Fine has brought his show to simchahs, convention centres, hotel ballrooms, backyards — and even Parliament Hill for Canada Day in 1993.

At bar and bat mitzvahs, during the hora, he has showered the hosts and guests with multicolored streamers that explode from cartridges.

"Each cartridge goes off with a loud bang, and it shoots 75 18-inch streamers," he said. "We fire them off a few at a time — when the bar mitzvah boy is sitting on the chair on the guests' shoulders and when the mum and dad are up on the chair and at the end of the hora.

For weddings, the streamer shower is used during the first dance, in combination with a silver or gold air burst. An air burst is similar to the special effect used at Blue Jays games to signify a home run.

"It looks like a big ball of fireworks hanging from the ceiling when it explodes," said Fine. Air bursts are usually reserved for candlelighting at bar or bat mitzvahs.

He has done fireworks waterfalls from ceilings and created subtemp fireworks fountains that he calls dreamstars. "We'll do those on the table behind the cake when the boy or girl lights the candles," he said.

An olfactory effect Fine offers is his air ambience system — he fills a room with a scent, perhaps the fragrance of roses or violets, for an entire event or at a specific time.

When the outdoor party season begins, he gets requests for low level aerial fireworks displays and fireworks signs. "We can scale it to fit any size area, whether it's a park, a resort or a backyard," Fine said.

Stressing that the indoor and outdoor fireworks products he uses are federally approved, he said the company is fully insured and has a perfect safety record."

Karen Baker Designs Photo supplied by Arnold Machtinger

Karen Baker of Designs by Karen Baker (905-886-8100) offers some fabulous theme packages for simchahs, including Caribbean, Medieval, beach, garden and underwater themes.

Baker is the talented designer who created a tour of the Mississippi setting for the opening night of *Show Boat* at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts in North York. She will be doing the design work for the opening of *Sunset Boulevard* this fall.

For simchahs, she designs invitations and centrepieces, helps to select linen, places table decor, arranges flowers and, if necessary, covers the walls and ceilings of the hall with decorative fabric or other materials.

"We've either covered or replaced chairs in the banquet room to create a more interesting setting," said Baker.

An expert floral designer, she provides the flowers from her own shop and designs the containers herself. For children's tables, she creates containers and props in various shapes out of styrofoam.

Baker does sample room setups for hosts in advance, so they can see exactly what they are getting. "They don't have to worry about it," she said.

Decor, she said, need not be expensive as a lot can be done by using color and imagination.

Lina D'Angela of Party Toons (905-669-4778) is a creative decorator who transforms ordinary rooms into fabulous theme party environments with the help of balloons, styrofoam and shiny Mylar.

She has designed sports, dance, music, clown, acrobat and tropical themes, including the floral arrangements, and is available for all special occasions.

For a recent bar mitzvah, she made centrepieces from silhouettes of hockey players that she had cut out of styrofoam. Once the figures were painted, covered with glitter and inserted into bases, she added balloons and Mylar as finishing touches.

Cutouts of masks from *The Phantom of the Opera* were the centrepieces for another of her parties. Brightly painted and decorated cutouts of different types of fish were highlighted in her tropical theme, and for a music theme bat mitzvah she used cutouts of saxophones as centrepieces, because the bar mitzvah boy plays the instrument. A recent starry night theme featured regular star-shaped balloons as well as Mylar balloons, and she created special lighting effects.

Balloon sculptures, including colorful balloon trees suspended from the ceiling, free-standing balloon trees and balloon signs are one of her specialties. "It's amazing what you can do with balloons," said D'Angela.

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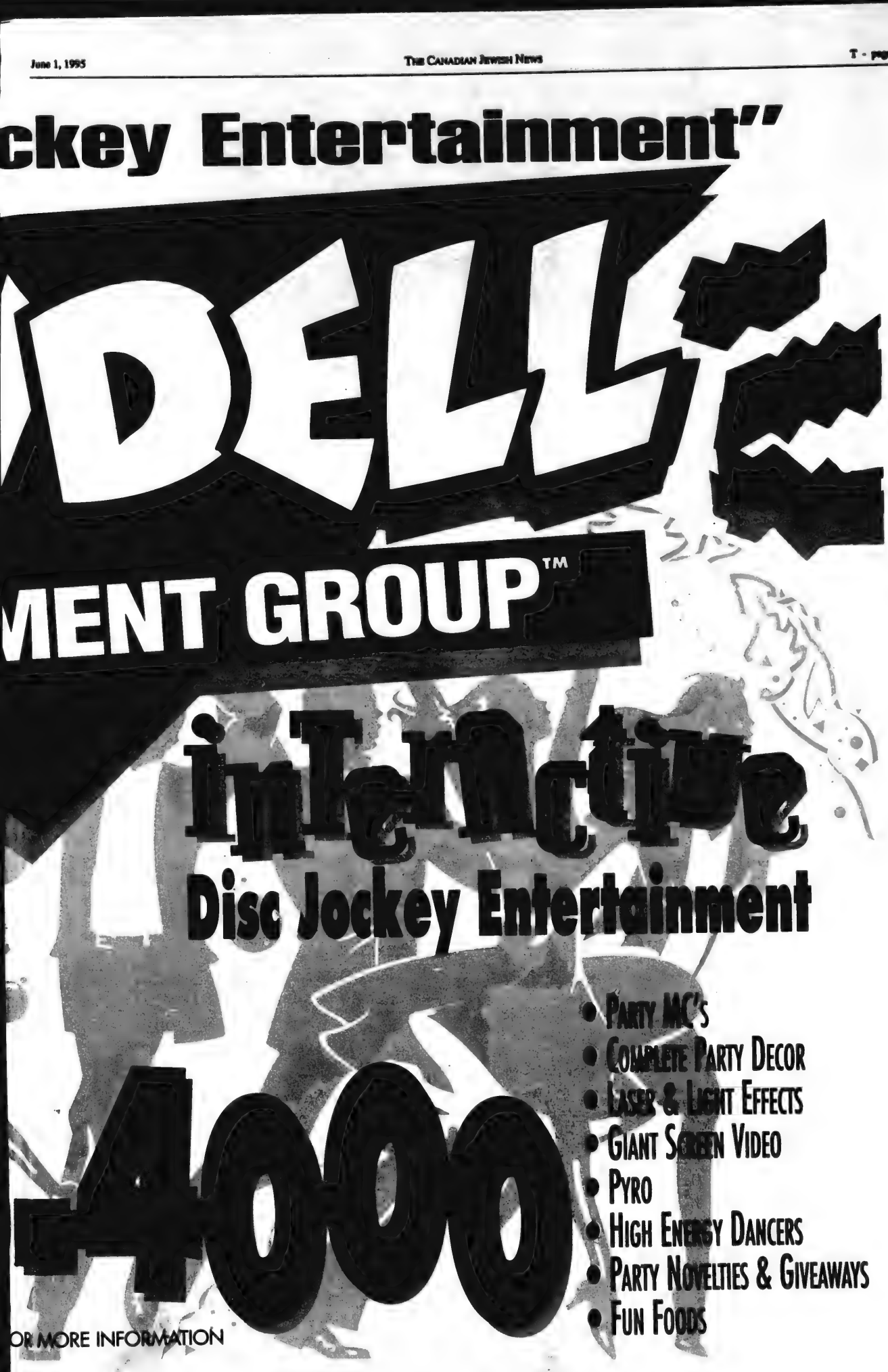

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PARTY PLANNER

Local bands full of great talent

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Toronto's bands are made up of talented musicians and vocalists who provide world-class entertainment at simchahs and irresistible dance music to get your guests out of their seats and onto the floor.

Aelita and Friends (416-222-7573), regulars on the simchah circuit, have toured around the world, covering three continents in their travels. They have performed their repertoire of 14 revues, ranging from *The Best of Broadway* to *Jerusalem of Gold*, in England, Australia, Singapore, Taiwan, Mexico and the United States.

Sounds as if it would cost a bundle to hire them for a simchah, but that's not the case, according to vocalist Aelita Neihausen.

"We fit any budget," she said. "We are very competitive and reasonable for the services we provide."

Aelita and Friends can be an entourage of 16, which may include comedians, jugglers and dancers; or as small as a group of three — Aelita along with two musicians. If the band is small, "each member doubles on two or three instruments and is a lead singer as well," said Aelita.

Among the floor shows offered by the group, there are fabulous '50s, Cotton Club (1920s), Dick Tracy (1930s), swing is here to stay (1940s) and Hollywood themes.

Aelita meets with hosts several times before an event to discuss their musical tastes and find out what type of atmosphere they wish to create. "I become familiar with the guests' musical backgrounds and musical preferences so no one is left out," she said.

Aelita and Friends have a repertoire of 2,000 songs, including klezmer, traditional Israeli music, standards, jazz and hit tunes from the 1950s to the 1990s.

Disco is back, and Latin music is much bigger than it was five years ago, said Aelita. Children enjoy tunes from the Walt Disney productions *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *Aladdin*, as well as popular music.

It's the music that makes a simchah memorable for guests, said band leader Harvey Seigel (416-782-9202). "They will remember the party if they had a wonderful time, and that will only be due to the quality of the band and the musicians."

Seigel is the leader of three memorable bands. The Fabulous

Harvey Seigel

Harvey Seigel Band has been performing at weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, corporate events, fundraisers and music festivals for the past 26 years. His Speak-Easy Jazz Band, which specializes in New Orleans and Chicago jazz has played at numerous jazz festivals for the last 10 years. And he formed Harvey Seigel's All-Stars Jazz Band four years ago because there was such a demand for jazz standards and classics, particularly the music of great American composers such as George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Duke Ellington.

Versatility is one of the keys to the success of the three bands, said Seigel. They have a diverse repertoire, including cha-chas, bossa novas, polkas, show tunes, Dixieland, swing, jazz standards, klezmer, Israeli music, '50s rock'n roll and contemporary hits.

His bands can be made up of anywhere from 3 to 16 professional musicians, including male and female vocalists.

Some of his clients pick music in advance, but they do not always anticipate the crowd's taste, Seigel said. From his vantage point on stage — he is a vocalist who plays trombone, congo drums and harmonica — he "tests the waters and watches what motivates a crowd."

If the crowd seems unenthusiastic about the music the band is playing and he is getting requests for other types of music he will change musical direction after getting the host's okay.

The Nu-Rhythm Band, led by Isaac Oziel (905-882-5044), is one of the hottest dance bands in town.

Known for its versatility, the band plays music from 1950s right up to contemporary hits of the 1990s.

"We customize our musical program to suit the crowd," said Oziel. "If you come to hear us perform every week, chances are you'll hear a different program each time. Every party is different and we pride ourselves on pleasing every client."

Although Nu-Rhythm's standard group is made up of eight members, including musicians and vocalists, the band size can be adjusted to the host's requirements.

"Our aim is to make your simchah the best party in town," he said.

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PARTY PLANNER

Lingerie lets you be comfortable

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Proper undergarments can enhance the look and fit of a bridal gown, says June Taylor, owner of the Bra Bar, which has stores on Yorkville Avenue and on Avenue Road.

Brides often wear bustiers, long-lined strapless bras with low backs for decollete gowns. According to Tayor, women with small and average-sized breasts don't have to worry about proper support when they wear bustiers, but it's more difficult to support heavier breasts with this kind of bra.

She says women with C cups and larger should shop for their undergarments before choosing their wedding gowns.

"There's no point getting all excited about a wedding dress if you can't get the proper support. If you're 34B life's easy ... with CC and DD cups you have to think ahead."

Women with very heavy breasts cannot go strapless, she says. "You have to face reality ... It's a tough deal."

The Bra Bar carries bras from 30A to 52DDD. Bustiers are available up to size 44 and start at $45. The store has one of the largest selections of bras in the city and can serve women who are hard to fit, Taylor says. "If anyone is not the easiest to fit, 99.9 per cent of the time we can fit them."

Taylor says she started the business 23 years ago because she couldn't find bras to fit her in Canada. While the Bra Bar specializes in bras of all sizes and prices, it also carries other lingerie items such as garters, panties, camisoles, girdles, body suits, half slips and bridal stockings.

Kathryn's, a lingerie store at 1763 Avenue Rd., just north of Lawrence, sells both undergarments and elegant sleepware. The store carries one-piece bras such as bustiers in a variety of sizes ranging in price from $69 to $169.

"The price depends on whether it's French-made or made in Canada," says Susan Klein, a co-owner of the store.

Kathryn's stocks a number of items used by brides, including strapless bras, fancy garters, bridal stockings, lace underwear, slips, camisoles and elegant and sexy sleepwear for the honeymoon.

Brides prefer to wear garters and stockings instead of panty hose because they're cooler, especially in the summer, Klein says. She carries lace top stockings that can be worn with or without garters.

Kathryn's offers a large selection of nightgowns, negligees, pyjamas and other boudoir wear geared to every budget. Pure silk nightgowns start at $65. Teddies (one piece camisoles and panties) have become increasingly popular for honeymoons, but peignoirs, two-piece kimono and nightgown sets, are the more traditional choice, she says.

The peignoir sets come in various lengths, styles and materials: chiffon, silk, satins; with sleeves or sleeveless; and slip style, gathered at the waist, or loose and flowing. The bodice can be beaded with pearls and rhinestones and/or trimmed with different kinds of lace.

White and peach are the colors most often choosen for the honeymoon, Klein says, adding that black is the color men tend to choose when they buy birthday, anniversary, holiday or Valentine's Day gifts. "Men like black. That's what they think is sexy," she says.

"Men come in shy. They go out happy we helped them. I try to make them very comfortable."

She stresses that Kathryn's does not sell sleazy lingerie. "This is classy lingerie, not a fun store. We sell sexy but classy luxury items. And it's not that expensive."

Books make cooking fun

[Cont'd. from page B10]

maven of North African fare, has produced a first-rate book.

•*Middle Eastern Cooking* (Prion, $29) by Christine Osborne is a beautifully illustrated volume containing over 100 delicious recipes.

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•*A Vegetarian Feast* (HarperCollins, $24.50) by Vikki Leng is a comprehensive guide for readers who boycott meat products.

An Australian home economics teacher, Leng lists some 750 recipes, demonstrating that a little imagination can go a long way.

This may be the ultimate veggie book.

•*Classic Chinese Cuisine* (Firefly Books, $19.95) by Nina Simmonds promises a lot. The author claims she can turn a person with even modest cooking ability into an instant expert who'll make diners rave.

Before getting down to the business of recipes, Simmonds discusses the regions of China and their flavors, special ingredients, cooking methods and equipment.

Having dispensed with the basics, she plunges into the aromatic and mouth-watering task of converting the ingredients into memorable meals.

•*Classic Home Desserts* (Firefly Books, $29.95) by Richard Sax may well be the last word on this sweet topic.

In 668 pages with 48 full-color pictures, Sax explores a universe which appeals to old and young, rich and poor.

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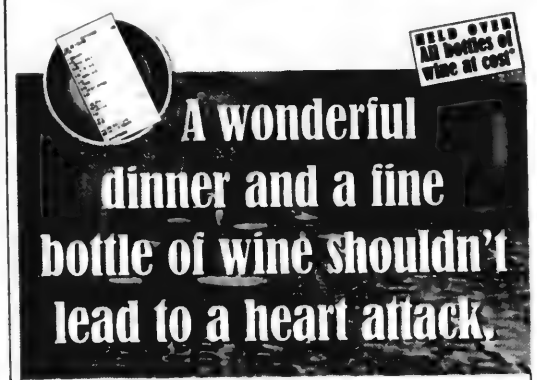

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Four Seasons offers elegance

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

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Kosher functions are a specialty and catering director Tamir Shanel says the staff "goes out of its way to ensure that everything is exactly as our guests want." The hotel can provide vegetarian, low salt or low fat meals and can tailor-make menus to suit any taste.

Full course dinners can include cold hors-d'oeuvre such as smoked salmon pinwheels in flour tortilla with hot mustard; bruschetta with tomato, red onion, garlic, basil and olive oil; or tuna mousse and snow-peas on toast points. Hot hors-d'oeuvre include potato knishes, mushroom strudel and chicken or beef satays.

After warm or cold appetizers and salads, meals can include hot or cold soups and fruit sorbets. Entrees include choices from basil balsamic chicken breast with jump fried julienne of sweet peppers and wild mushrooms served with roast garlic potatoes, to baked sesame salmon served with vegetable fried rice.

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PARTY PLANNER

Fill loot bags with POGs

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

No matter what pains you go to make a great birthday party — you can have creative activities, the best entertainment and the most delicious food — the success of a party in the eyes of a child is often determined by what's in his or her loot bag.

Fortunately, there are discount stores that cater to the birthday-party market, offering good value on a variety of loot for boys and girls of all ages.

Shop-Rite stores has a wide selection of party items at great value. Owner Sidney Lugassy says, "We're very choosey about what kind of merchandise we put in the store ... We shy away from guns. We don't carry weapons. We don't want to portray that image in our stores."

POGs are this years most popular loot bag item for boys, he said, while skipping ropes, stationery, pens and small plush animals are popular with girls. Both sexes enjoy magnetic travel games, outdoor study kits, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, velcro ball catch sets and small water guns.

Shop-Rite stores are located at Lawrence Plaza, Bathurst and Finch, Bathurst and Bloor, and Keele and Finch.

Another store with a huge selection of loot is the discount warehouse store operated Party Packagers, Canada's largest wholesaler of toys and gifts for corporate parties.

The 18,000-sq.ft. flagship store at Finch and Keele — there is also a party outlet store in Burlington — stocks close to 2,000 loot bag items, said co-owner Brian Seetner.

Sales staff are willing to help customers put together loot bags for every budget. "You don't have to spend a lot of money," said marketing and sales administrator Cathy Seetner. The average loot bag costs between $3 and $6. Party Packagers also offers $5 pre-made loot bags geared to girls and boys in every age group.

The store rewards frequent shoppers through its free membership plan. Members get discounts on many items in the store, advance notice of sales, as well as free birthday club memberships for their children aged 12 and under.

Lalique Boutique is known for its fine crystal and glassware

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

The Lalique Boutique in Toronto is the only one of its kind in North America.

Lalique, one of France's most prestigious design houses, is known for its fine crystal and glassware. The family-owned company, now in its third generation, is more than 125 years old.

The Toronto boutique, which offers a full line of Lalique products ranging from crystal to soap and perfume, is owned by Ron Ennis. A dealer in fine crystal and china for more than 25 years, he was approached by Lalique to open its first North American boutique. There are only 20 boutiques worldwide.

The Toronto boutique, nestled in the enclave of exclusive shops on Bloor Street West, carries crystal vases, serving dishes, figurines, stemware, furniture and light fixtures as well as perfume, soap, china, jewelry, handbags and crepe de chine scarves.

The prices range from $17 for gift-boxed soaps to $110,000 for a glass table with a large crystal base in the shape of cactus leaves. The crystal fixtures and vases cost in the thousands of dollars, but smaller figurines and bowls start at $200.

Traditional crystalware.

The collection, a mix of traditional and contemporary design, spans the work of all three generations of the Lalique family.

Company founder Rene Lalique gained a reputation as a leading designer of glass and jewelry at the turn of the century and was the first artisan to design a commercial perfume bottle.

The Bacchantes vase, with a circular relief of 12 dancing muses, is the oldest Lalique design in continuous production, Ennis said. "It's the signature piece of the Lalique collection." The vase was originally made in glass when it was introduced in 1927, but it has been available in a frosted crystal since 1947.

Rene's son Marc, an architect by training, simplified many of the designs but retained the natural imagery, the hallmark of all Lelique creations. He introduced furniture and light fixtures, but removed color from the collection.

Marc's daughter Marie-Claude, who took over the company after his death in 1977, has brought color back to Lalique by adding it to many of her crystal designs. She has also expanded the collection to include other mediums such as gold and silver for the line of crystal cabochon jewelry, silk for scarves and shawls, porcelain, and leather as well as perfume.

"Lalique represents three generations of excellence in design and creation," Ennis said. "Marie-Claude continues the legacy of creative genius that the company has represented for well over 100 years."

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Parties made for kids!

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

No fuss, no muss and lots of fun is the aim of every parent for their children's birthday parties. Fortunately, several Toronto businesses are there to help.

Main Space School of Circus Arts (416-694-8951), at 210 Main St., creates a birthday party that children do not easily forget. For 1½-2 hours, circus stars teach the kids the basics of trampoline, acrobatics, trapeze, swinging ladder, uni-cycle, stilt-walking, tightrope and juggling.

"Everything but mime and clowning," says owner Moe Wozniak, who is musical director of a circus and is married to a trapeze artist.

He says not only do the children learn to perform, they put on a show complete with sparkling vests and hats. "They have a ball. Kids just love to perform and this is a perfect outlet for them."

Wozniak says the party begins with all participants seated in a group for a safety briefing. After a short stretch and warm-up, children are split into two groups and rotate to different stations.

"Safety is our first concern and there is always a spotter to make sure the kids are doing things properly. We also ensure that all children are dressed properly — comfortable clothing but not too baggy, bare feet or gymnastic slippers, long hair tied up and no jewelry. Children are prompted on these safety rules before they arrive."

Party packages include hot dogs, pizza or cake and hosts can bring in their own kosher food.

Budding artists will love to have a party at The Plaster Playhouse (416-488-0244), an art centre at 488 Eglinton Ave. W. that offers art classes and a drop-in centre for kids of all ages.

Manager Sofia Roginsky says plaster moulds in all shapes and sizes are the novelty at the Plaster Playhouse "and kids love creating their own special piece of work. It is something they can take home and put on display. They really are proud."

She says the moulds include ballerinas, mermaids, sports figures, rainbows, fruits and vegetables and unicorns and are suitable for boys and girls of all ages.

This girl displays her art done at The Plaster Playhouse.

"They paint it and then we have it glazed, and if they want, apply sparkles. I've never had a child who did not want to make one."

The party includes time in the play centre complete with a ball bath, slide and a full children's kitchen.

"It is the perfect combination of exercise and art. Many kids want to come back to our classes or just drop in to create something else and have more fun," says Roginsky.

Fun City (416-749-5000) is a 150,000-square-foot party centre that boasts a half-mile go-cart track for children 11 years old and over, bumper cars, batting cages, basketball hoops, a mini-golf course and a children's play area that includes a climber, castle and electric jeeps.

Parties are not exclusive to the guests, but within age restrictions, children are free to make use of the whole room.

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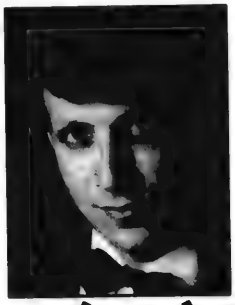

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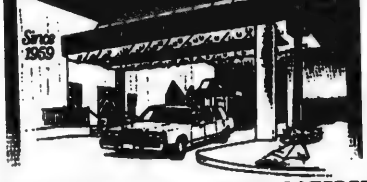

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Makeup artists should not be overlooked

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

When makeup artist Francine Birken was growing up, she wanted to become part of the simchah circuit so badly that she took up a musical instrument.

Her father Harvey Tishcoff, a renowned jazz violinist, used to come home with stories about the wonderful parties he played at, and Birken (905-881-5527) wanted to get involved.

When her father taught her how to play the guitar, she discovered she had not inherited his musical gifts. She liked playing guitar, she recalled, "but not to the same extent I enjoy the makeup."

A makeup artist for 14 years, Birken assisted at the Miss Canada Pageant for two consecutive years, she has worked behind the scenes at fashion shows and she has done makeovers for a bridal magazine and for television.

The stress of doing your own makeup and worrying about whether it is properly blended or if your mascara has clumped can be avoided if you hire a makeup artist for your simchah, she said.

Makeup, she pointed out, should complement a bride's gown. "If her headpiece is a natural one, if the dress is a princessy one, the makeup should be natural. If the dress is dramatic, you want a more dramatic look."

And since professional makeup enhances photographs, hiring a makeup artist ought not to be overlooked.

"A professional makeup artist knows exactly what the photographer wants to see through the lens. The photographer's work complements the makeup artist's work, and the makeup artist's work complements the photographer's," said Birken

What do photographers want to see? Basically, faces that have a powdery-looking finish and no shiny spots. Blemishes and discolorations should be concealed; foundation ought to be the same color or as close to the tone of the skin as possible; and the makeup has to be well blended.

"When people do their own makeup, they're not going to think about the blending. There's nothing worse than seeing a bride with an orange line on her jaw," said Birken.

She provides her services at numerous weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs each year. While she does a bride's makeup, she tries to keep other people out of the room, to give the bride a break during a happy but sometimes stressful day. "I speak with her and relax her. I've been told that I'm a calming influence."

By "putting yourself in the hands of a professional," said Birken, "you can relax and enjoy the biggest day of your life."

Late last year she branched out into teaching, offering a popular course called Looking Good and Feeling Good at community centres in Richmond Hill and Thornhill. So far 80 women have taken the course, which covers skin care, concealer and foundation, day and evening makeup, and features a complete makeover at the final session.

Makeup by Judy Tobe.

As a teenager, makeup artist Judy Tobe (905-669-5407) of Picture Perfect Makeup always had an interest in makeup. "To me it was like art," she says.

Although she "always had a knack for knowing what goes on people faces" and artistic ability, she would have become a computer programmer if jobs had not been scarce in the early '80s.

Unable to find employment in the computer field, she took a cosmetology course and hasn't looked back since. "I think it was always in my heart," she said. "I wasn't cut out to be a computer programmer."

A makeup artist for the past 13 years, Tobe specializes in photography makeup. She said women are wearing less makeup in the '90s and she has "noticed a lot of brides and other people are very concerned with having too much makeup on."

It makes no difference whether you are wearing a little or a lot, she explained, since "blending is the key to natural-looking makeup."

Proper skin care, including cleansing and moisturizing, is important too, she said. "If skin is radiant and healthy looking, it'll look really smooth under makeup. Makeup goes on better if skin has a lot of moisture and the texture of the skin is smoother."

Makeup artist Estee Levine (905-660-3228) says light blues, pale greens and pinks, including pink eyeshadows, are among this year's fashionable makeup colors, but she stressed that these colors do not suit every women.

"I work with everyone on an individual basis. Just because pinks are in, it doesn't mean they suit everyone," she said.

A makeup artist for 14 years, Levine has loved makeup ever since high school. She was trained by the makeup artist she hired for her own wedding.

She gets many requests for makeup lessons for upcoming bar and bat mitzvahs, and she said she usually makes up the entire bridal party at a wedding. Some brides like the way they looked at their weddings so much that they ask for lessons afterward.

For the best makeup results at your simchah, she offers a few skin care tips: If possible, get a good night's sleep the night before; don't eat greasy food shortly before the party; drink lots of water because it moisturizes the skin (she likes boiled water with lemon); use a moisturizer on your face and your neck and a vitamin E stick for your lips; tweeze your eyebrows three days before the party, not immediately before, as tweezing leaves red marks on the skin; have a gentle facial a month before; and have any waxing done at least a week before the party.

She recommended keeping a tube of lipstick and compact of translucent powder in your evening bag. "Those are two things," she said, "you need for touching up because everything else lasts."

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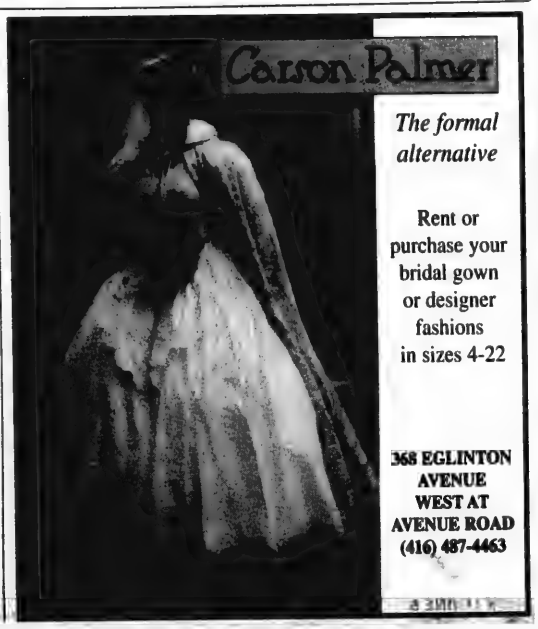

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Videos capture the action

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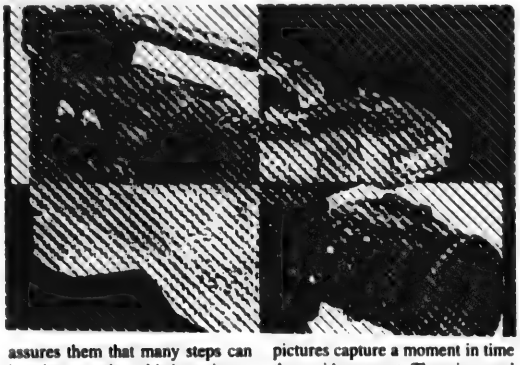

Nothing will help you relive your simchah better than a professionally done video.

"Videos capture the emotion, sound and excitement of the party. It is still important to have photographs, but videos really get to the action of the party," says videographer Josh Israel (416-630-5558).

He advises people choosing a videographer to visit at least three before making a decision, saying they should "not be scared off by the most expensive ones. The total expenditure on video usually ends up to be about five per cent of the party's cost. Most people spend more on the decorations which are only there for the evening. Videos are for life," Israel says.

"People need to know who does the camera work and who does the editing. It is much easier to edit a film if the person has been at the party. I'm thinking about the editing process as I shoot the film, and that way it is much easier to come up with a perfect job," he says.

The type of equipment a videographer uses, he adds, makes "all the difference in the world. I use the Sony Betacam-SP format which is genuine TV equipment. This type of equipment offers the best picture quality, best sound, best picture stability, best quality and many other less apparent improvements. Clients with healthy eyesight and up-to-date TVs will see and hear a large improvement."

Israel says many clients are concerned about the videographer intruding upon their affair and he assures them that many steps can be taken to reduce this intrusion to a minimum.

"I wear a tuxedo to every formal function and this helps me blend in instantly. There is no advertising or promoting and very little contact with guests. Just about all the equipment is black, wires are kept off the dance floor and the camera is totally cordless so there are no dangling wires.

"On the other hand, I am aware that staying away from the action can wreck a video more than a minor intrusion. I am always prepared to move in fast if the action takes place in the distance."

Evan Trestan who co-owns 2 Pro Video 416-515-9242 with Shay Schwartzman, agrees that videos create a different memory than photographs.

"Videos capture certain things that photographs cannot, such as an interaction between the couple. They are interactive. They go through moods and can relive the wedding. They do not replace photographs however, because still pictures capture a moment in time that a video cannot. There is a need for both at any affair," says Trestan.

He says a family should meet with the videographer before the affair to provide all necessary information. "This includes a loose schedule of events so he can be prepared for what is coming up. We often get our information from the consultant; so if a speech is coming up, we're there just before it happens."

Trestan said one of the greatest compliments he's received was when one of his clients didn't realize he was there. "It is important to be unobtrusive, yet there at the action."

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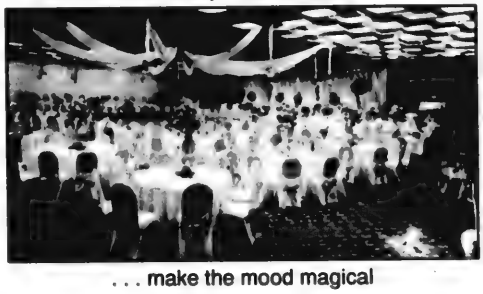

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Holiday packages available to please all honeymooners

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Tour operators used to offer Canadian couples a slim selection of honeymoon destinations, but with the recent changes in the marketplace there are now quite a few holiday packages to appeal to honeymooners.

Canadians tend to go to places that are offered by tour operators because it is the least expensive way to travel, said Jill Wykes of Sunquest Vacations. Traditionally tour operators offered honeymooners packages to Acapulco, Jamaica and the Barbados.

"Nowadays," she says, "you can choose from about 20 different destinations available out of Toronto."

Sunquest offers packages to Ixtapa and Cancun (in Mexico), Jamaica, the Barbados, St. Maarten, Aruba, Las Vegas, Greece, Italy, Israel and Ireland, as well as romantic Caribbean cruises, all departing on Sundays and Mondays.

The fabulous Sandals resorts in Jamaica and Antigua are a favorite with honeymooners, Wykes says, as are Sunquest's cruises.

The Seaway Crown cruise sails out of Aruba on Sunday nights, with a change in itinerary every second Sunday. The first itinerary features Curacao, Grenada, and the Barbados, while the second includes Dominica, the Barbados, Guadeloupe and Antigua.

"They really spoil you on board ship if you're a honeymooner," says Wykes. Prices, which include return airfare from Toronto, range from $1,299 to $2,899 a week.

She also recommends the Enchanted Garden Resort and Spa, a beautiful resort on a hillside in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. For adults only, the Enchanted Garden was selected by *Honeymoon Destination* magazine as one of the top 15 resorts in the hemisphere. Prices which start at $1,249 per week, include all meals and drinks, as well as fitness programs. Spa facilities, offering massages, aromatherapy and salon service, are extra.

Package holidays, Wykes says, have "a great appeal to Canadians because you pay in Canadian dollars before you go and you don't spend a lot of U.S. dollars."

Travel agent carry the company's brochures.

Greece is a favorite travel destination with honeymooners because the country is a romantic and stunningly beautiful part of the world, says Clive Farmer of the tour operator Regent Holidays.

The company's Glorious Greece program includes eight package tours starting at $1,499 for one week, but Farmer said he wouldn't recommend the one-week Aegean Splendor package for honeymooners because "it's too short and too rushed."

For honeymooners, he suggests the Classical Odyssey package, which features seven days in Rhodes with a choice of five different hotels, a four-day Greek island cruise and a three-day stay in Athens. The package starts at $1,699.

Another popular honeymoon tour is the Minoan Mosaic package, which is similar to the Classical Odyssey, with seven days on Crete substituted for the stay in Rhodes. Prices begin at $1,749.

Port and departure taxes are added to the basic price of both the Classical Odyssey and the Minoan Mosaic packages. Prices vary depending on the standard of hotel chosen and the choice of cabin — inside or outside.

Both packages are ideal for honeymooners, since there is lots of time to relax on the beach. However, Farmer says Regent's other popular Glorious Greece tours, which feature coach sightseeing tours, do attract some honeymooners.

The Olympian Voyage package, from $2,149, includes a seven-day Istanbul and Greek island cruise and a three-day classical coach tour, visiting sights such as Delphi, Olympia and Naftolin. The Legendary Places tour, from $2,399, features a seven-day Israel, Cyprus and Greek island cruise, a three-day classical coach tour and four days in Athens. A seven-day Israel and Greek island cruise, a three-day classical coach tour and four days in Athens make up Regent's Eastern Heritage tour, which also starts at $2,399.

Regent also offers tours to destinations in Israel, the Caribbean and Central and South America that are suitable for honeymooners, Farmer says, "but the preferred choice is Glorious Greece."

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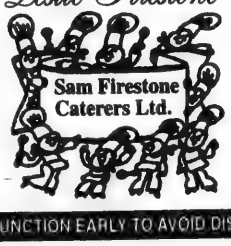

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Custom invitations doesn't mean expensive

BY SYLVIA PAPERNICK
Special to the CJN

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The Printed Word, at 563 Eglinton Ave. W. (416-484-4600), has been taking care of people's stationery needs for over 18 years. This retail store carries a full range of invitations, thank you notes and place cards, plus business cards and stationery.

Manager Ann Feldman says the key element is service: those purchasing a full set of invitations receive complimentary addressing. The owners pride themselves on their creativity. As Feldman explains, "custom doesn't necessarily mean expensive."

Invitations can be designed from scratch with color and design variations to give that custom look, without the custom price. They can provide laser printing, engraving or raised printing. Stationery comes from Canada, England, France and the United States.

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Segal comes with samples in hand of invitations for bar and bat mitzvot, Sweet 16s, weddings and birth announcements, as well as personal stationery, all at a discount price. If provided with artwork, she can produce anything.

For weddings, she notes, people are still opting for the classic elegance of black and white, although fuchsias and pinks are popular color schemes.

Most of Segal's clients ask to see a proof before final printing, a step that Segal recommends. "If I promise something, then I'm going to carry out my promise," Segal says.

One example of the type of work created by Marla Sherman.

Marla Sherman of Calligraphy by Marla(416-633-9503) is busy. She has been doing calligraphy for over 10 years, addressing invitations, place settings, envelopes, certificates and thank you notes.

She's been working as a calligrapher since age 16, when she enrolled in a calligraphy class. "It came quite easily to me."

Using a nib and an ink cartridge, Sherman explains that computer calligraphy is often unable to match color shades as precisely as she can. A trained graphic designer, hers is a skill that requires an artistic eye. "My clients like my style because it's elegant, yet not overly scripty, not illegible."

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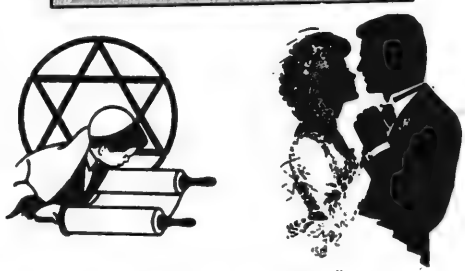
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It's the invasion of the Phantoms of the Opera by Ka-boom Interactive Parties Inc.

Interactive fun all the rage

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

At your next simchah, involve your guests in the entertainment and they'll never want to go home.

Corey Mandell, president of Mandell Entertainment Group (905-886-4000), provides clients with interactive disc jockey entertainment, theme party decor, laser and special effect lighting, giant screen video productions, fun foods and a full line of party novelties.

Mandell's newest entertainment concept is the Party Animator's Dance Troupe, an elite group of dancers who interact with guests, teaching line dances and inducing those who may be hesitant to get up and dance.

"The response has been unbelievable," Mandell says. The dancers have appeared in major Toronto productions like *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

"Party Animators are adding a new dimension to the disc jockey industry," Mandell says. "There have been a few clients in Toronto who have spent upwards of $8,000 (US) to bring this type of party novelty from New York because it was not available in Toronto."

Theme parties are very popular and Mandell Entertainment's decor division, headed by Renee Birnbaum, is able to provide clients with everything needed for a great party. "We have a 4,000-sq.ft. warehouse dedicated to the production of centrepieces, props, sign-in boards, fresh and silk flowers and party giveaways. We truly believe we are a one-stop party shop to the fullest extent of the meaning."

Mandell is also set to open a 350-capacity hall this fall, capable of transforming into a "state of the art nightclub."

David Hart, owner of Hart Entertainment (764-2200), says his company specializes in providing parties with such activities as "carnival games, a bungee run, dunk tanks, sumo wrestling, mini-golf, inflatable castles, sports games — almost anything you desire."

Hart, who started out as a magician in 1973, says kids and adults have a great time when kept busy. "At a bar mitzvah, a typical meal takes about 90 minutes, but kids finish eating in 15 to 20 minutes." He keeps them busy with carnival games or a pitching cage. "They'll have a ball and the adults can enjoy their meal."

Hosts can visit Hart's interactive showroom and try everything out. "You don't know half of what we have until you come and check it out."

Hart stresses interactive parties are easily kept within budget because clients can rent as little or as much equipment as desired. A casino package with blackjack table and wheel of fortune runs less than $100.

Hart Entertainment also promotes about 850 different types of live entertainment such as strolling musicians, magicians, jugglers, face painters and unicyclists.

Ka-boom Interactive Parties Inc. (483-6811) provides an evening of entertainment that mixes audience participation with Broadway-calibre production numbers and special effects.

Owner Bill Greenbaum says between six and 10 dancers perform before, during and after dinner, wearing "outrageous" costumes.

"Guests participate at their own comfort level," he says. "Extroverts will indulge themselves to the extreme while more conservative people involve themselves to a lesser degree. Everyone, however, has a good time."

Greenbaum says a typical Ka-boom evening could start with *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* and switch to Dick Tracy, Space Fantasy, Rio Carnival, Elvis, *Show Boat* or *Miss Saigon*. "The audience never knows what will happen next," he says.

Greenbaum says he can provide entertainment for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, graduations or anniversaries from coast-to-coast.

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Good photographers are unobtrusive

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Doing the hora. Photo by Stuart Moscoe Photography.

Choosing a photographer can be difficult because there are so many to choose from and so many different styles and kind of work.

To get the photographer you want, says Stuart Moscoe of Stuart Moscoe Photography (905-881-8769), book six months to a year in advance. Moscoe, like many photographers, prefers a hands-on approach, doing most of the work himself.

Others, besides working personally, offer clients a variety of styles by hiring other photographers to work with them.

Dean Macdonnell of Macdonnell Photography (416-481-4600) says photographers should be picked at least nine months in advance. He says despite the new technology available in the industry, tradition is more popular for wedding photos.

New technologies like digital imaging, which can combine two photos to make them look like one, do not play a key role in wedding photography, whereas old-fashioned black and white work, conservative as it is, is enjoying a comeback, he says.

Many of the techniques used in producing fine finished work, Macdonnell says, are not new; printing on rag paper and the use of metal toners are tried and proven techniques.

Elliott Sylman of Elliott Sylman Photography (416-635-6749) already has bookings for 1997. He says when you're thinking of choosing a photographer you have to like both the photos and the photographer. At your simchah, technology is secondary as long as the photographer is a competent, conscientious professional. What matters is the quality and personality of work.

Moscoe adds that at a simchah, a professional photographer is unobtrusive to guests and coordinates well with other professionals like a videographer.

Like a cherished gift, a photograph is a keepsake, meant to endure through time. Black and white captures the enduring qualities of a special person at a special time, without looking dated. It forces the photographer — and the viewer — to pay more attention to light, shade and texture, and often leaves the imagination more free play than color photography.

Macdonnell points out that 95 per cent of photography is done by amateurs, or by ad agencies and others who produce volume work. He and the others who do professional personalized work are in the remaining five per cent; yet theirs is the work which lasts.

All photographers agree that videos and photos complement each other, each having a different role. Macdonnell says photos are best for capturing the enduring aspect of a personality, videos for the transitory moments that would otherwise be forgotten.

"Videos," says Sylman, "capture the party; photos are perennial, and capture the person."

Video and photography go together, Moscoe says, because video captures the atmosphere or flavor of the affair, while photography captures the highlights.

Estimates of how much to spend on photographs range from under 10 per cent of your wedding budget to over 20 per cent. All photographers agree that you should book as far ahead as possible.

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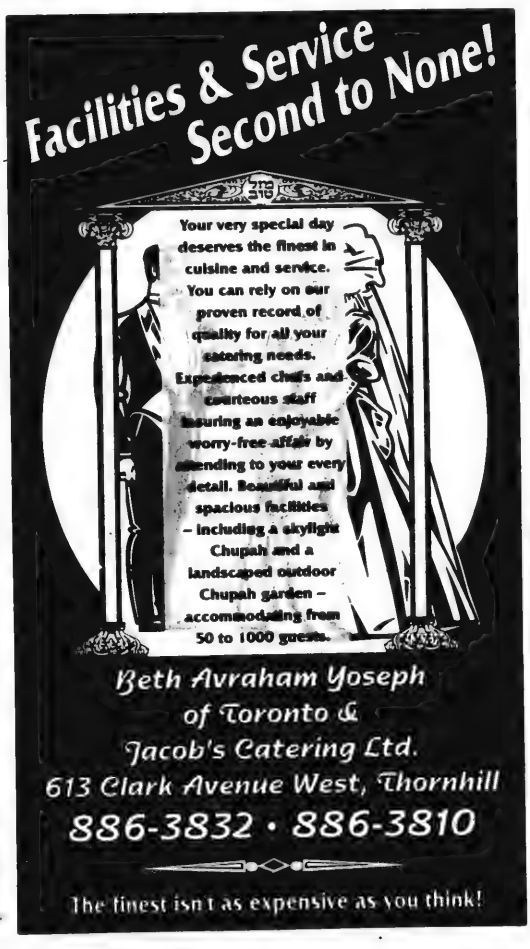
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Custom-made ketubot

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
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An example of Maxine Blendis' work.

Artist Maxine Blendis creates personalized works of art with Jewish themes and calligraphy to commemorate special life cycle events like weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs and births. But she is best known for her hand-painted ketubot (Jewish marriage certificate).

There has been a resurgence of interest in decorated ketubot, she says. "People want something beautiful and meaningful. You hope your marriage will be that way."

The ketubot are designed to be displayed, she says. "It's not just something you put away in drawer. It's a work of art."

Blendis invites couples to her studio where they can look through her portfolio to get some ideas. As a lecturer on Jewish and biblical art, she is familiar with traditional styles of ketubot from many cultures. She can design works incorporating symbols and styles from the Italian Renaissance and Spain's Golden Age.

Some people prefer contemporary designs, and her unusual family trees are becoming increasingly popular, she said. "There are endless possibilities as to what can be done. Every piece is unique."

She works in ink, watercolor and gouache. There are also limited editions of hand-painted prints. Prices for the ketubot range from $120 for a complete full color print to $750 for a hand-painted and hand-calligraphied work.

For gifts for other occasions Blendis integrates biblical passages and quotations — in Hebrew and English — with artwork. Such works, which start at $25 for hand-painted limited-edition prints, are often given as bar and bar mitzvah gifts, she said.

"I find that children of bar mitzvah age so appreciate receiving a personalized work of art to commemorate the event as so many of their gifts are of a more material nature."

A gift such a *mizrach* (decorative art put on the wall in the direction of Jerusalem) is suitable for engagements weddings, and anniversaries, Blendis said. Her *mizrach* can incorporate the *hamza* (used against the evil eye) birds and a Magen David.

For young children and births, Blendis does brightly colored animals and figures forming the letters of the child's name.

Her decorative ketubot have also become a popular anniversary gift item. Married couples are ordering them to celebrate wedding anniversaries because their original ketubot are plain, Blendis said.

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Registries remove the guessing

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Among businesses offering personalized products or services, no two are alike. This seems especially true of businesses with bridal registries.

Taps (416-785-0224), which has just opened its registry, specializes in decorative or finishing touches for the bathroom, like towel bars, shower curtains and bath mats — or, as Mike Spiro of Taps says, "one-stop shopping" for accessories.

"Register by appointment with Sally," says Spiro. "She'll give you a guided tour, and undivided attention for an hour or two."

Taps' prices have large discounts, but to maintain the savings, there is no delivery, only cash-and-carry. The registry is free.

Sara Levine-Petroff of A Show of Hands (416-782-1696) sees her store as a contemporary crafts gallery for fine glass, pottery and other artistic gifts. She sees herself as the intermediary between the artist and the recipient of the gift.

"The point of giving," says Levine-Petroff, "is for the gift to be as individual as the recipient."

In choosing for people you don't know, she advises, pick objects in neutral colors or sculpted glasswork which belongs in any setting.

Bridal registrants at A Show of Hands are shown work currently in the gallery; then they see more work by any artist who interests them. Personalized gifts can be ordered. There is also an approval policy — before deciding on a purchase, you can take it home for a couple of days to see if you like it.

A Show of Hands has gift certificates and will wrap your gift free; there is a charge for delivery.

Annabelle Turner of Rob Macintosh China (416-730-0628) offers an extensive list of beautiful and useful gifts: china, flatware, stemware, stainless steel and Edinburgh crystal. Purely for beauty, there are Lladro or Coalport figurines, Myth and Magic science fiction figures, glass sculptures by Jonasson and Waterford clocks with crystal frames. Macintosh is also a large distributor of collector plates.

As a chain with 12 branches and another opening this summer, Macintosh offers an advantage to registry customers. They can visit the store most convenient to them; each has a copy of the registry, which is updated daily. Bridal dishes here are discounted 20 to 60 per cent, with the discount guaranteed until three months after the wedding. If the discount increases or decreases, the customer gets whichever is bigger. Gift certificates are available.

Spiro recommends registering when the wedding date is set, well before sending invitations; Turner says to register before sending invitations to the engagement party. Agreeing that it is best to register early, Levine-Petroff also advises registrants to visit A Show of Hands three or four weeks before the gift-giving event, as the work on display is always changing.

There is a special pleasure in wishing a couple happiness as they begin one of life's greatest adventure. It is also good business. Satisfied customers come back, as time passes, to buy gifts for birthdays, bar and bat mitzvahs, graduation parties and other family celebrations.

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Unique kitchen items

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Choosing the right gift isn't easy. And it's even more difficult if you're out shopping for a wedding or anniversary gift because you've got to please two people instead of one.

One solution is to buy kitchen utensils. Everybody's got to eat, so it's always nice — no matter who does the cooking — to get some new appliance.

Salton Canada offers a complete line of unusual kitchen appliances from Salton, Kenwood, and iSi. "We like to pride ourselves on the uniqueness of our products," said regional sales coordinator Chris Shipton.

Henrietta the Hen is an egg cooker made by Salton which boils and poaches eggs perfectly. "The nice thing about her is that she clucks when the eggs are done," Shipton said. Henrietta sells for $35 to $45 and is carried by Eaton's and the Bay.

The Rosle line of precision stainless steel kitchen utensils from Germany is high quality and reputed to be "the Cadillac of utensils," said Beth Shackleford, national sales and marketing manager of Browne and Company. Browne is the Canadian distributor of Rosle products.

"These items have become very popular for bridal gifts," Shackleford said. "There is nothing like them around."

The hook series is designed to hang onto a special metal rail. Ladles, skimmers and spatulas in this series are $35 each. The rails range in size and cost between $35 and $90.

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Chrétien: hate crimes law soon; 'proceeding' on war criminals

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Prime Minister Jean Chrétien delivered two promises to Canada's Jewish community last week, one vague and the other specific.

In a well-received speech at a glitzy dinner presented by the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, Chrétien pledged that his government's controversial legislation calling for stiffer sentences for hate crimes will be passed before the House of Commons' summer recess, set to begin June 23.

But less precise was his promise to pursue suspected Nazi criminals, saying only that his government "is proceeding with outstanding cases now. We are committed to bringing these cases to justice as quickly as possible in their countries of origin."

That was the sole reference in Chrétien's speech to Ottawa's new approach to the war criminal dossier — deportation of suspects (four to date) instead of trials in Canada. The prime minister presented no timetable and no explanation as to why suspects were not prosecuted until now.

Nevertheless, Chrétien's presence set the audience of 1,000 abuzz. He was joined by his wife Aline to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Europe's death camps and to honor the memory of the Holocaust's six million Jewish victims.

The dinner paid tribute to Toronto philanthropist Leslie Dan, who has donated at least $1 million

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Prime Minister Jean Chrétien lights the first of six memorial candles at last week's Canadian Society for Yad Vashem dinner. Behind is Chrétien's wife Aline. *[Canapress Photo Service]*

U.S. embassy move seen as a certainty

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The United States will inevitably move its embassy from Tel Aviv to West Jerusalem, predicts the executive director of an influential American research institution.

"It's not a question of whether but of when," said Robert Satloff of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy.

In an interview following a closed meeting sponsored by the Canada-Israel Committee, Satloff conveyed the impression that the matter has been more or less settled despite its controversial nature.

Last month, amid Arab protests, two bills were presented in the U.S. Congress calling upon the Clinton administration to begin construction of a new embassy in western Jerusalem in May 1996.

Opponents claim the proposed legislation will interfere with final status talks on Jerusalem, scheduled to get under way at the same time.

Satloff, who holds a doctorate in Middle East history from Oxford University, disputed the conventional wisdom that moving the embassy will have a detrimental effect on Arab-Israeli peace talks.

Since 1949, the United States, in "a de facto sense," has recognized West Jerusalem as Israel's capital, he pointed out. (Israel annexed East Jerusalem in 1967, but its claim is not accepted by either the United States or the PLO.)

Satloff, 33, said three U.S. presidents and a succession of secretaries of state have visited West Jerusalem, while two presidents have delivered speeches in the Knesset.

The United States, therefore, has not shirked from implied recognition of West Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

In a backhanded way, he added, PLO chief Yasser Arafat should not be displeased by Washington's stance, since it could lend credence to his claim to East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state.

Turning to another topic, Satloff said the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act — which channels American funds to the Palestine National Authority (PNA) in the Gaza Strip and Jericho — will likely be renewed by Congress on June 30.

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Match found for Jay Feinberg

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Sometimes the good guys do get a break.

After four years and hundreds of blood screenings all over the world, an almost-perfect bone marrow donor has been found for Jay Feinberg.

While Friends of Jay, the umbrella organization that coordinated the screenings and the fundraising, is not releasing the donor's name at this time, they do say that she is a young American woman, who was identified through the bone marrow registry.

Feinberg is entering the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle, Wash., this week for pre-treatment. The transplant is scheduled for the end of June or early July.

His condition is considered stable, although he is weak.

Canadians, especially in Toronto and Montreal, took Jay to their hearts, holding what Arlene Feinberg, Jay's mother, called some of the most successful of drives, ranging from a 2,000-strong screening at Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim synagogue last year to numerous private fundraising and prayer campaigns by schoolchildren.

Much of the testing was made possible with help from Dynacare Labs.

Friends of Jay plans to continue to raise funds and organize donor drives for others who need a bone marrow transplant.

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From coast to coast

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Gun Control Backed

TORONTO — Canadian government proposals to require the registration of firearms could be a valuable tool against extremist groups, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre believes.

Canadian counterparts to the U.S. militias, Ku Klux Klan and Aryan Nations share the same racist ideology and "the same morbid fascination with weapons and explosives," says a statement from the centre.

"Whatever small inconvenience will be imposed on honest, law-abiding citizens will be more than compensated by greater peace and security in their communities," the centre stated.

Human Rights Prize

TORONTO — The first annual Ludwik and Estelle (Stella) Jus Memorial Human Rights Prize has been awarded to Cranford Pratt, professor emeritus at the University of Toronto.

Pratt helped establish the Committee for a Just Canadian Policy Towards Africa in 1970 to put pressure on Ottawa to adopt a more critical stance on apartheid.

The award was established at the university in memory of two Polish educators who risked their lives during the Holocaust to save others.

Quastel Installed

VANCOUVER — Susan Quastel has been installed as president of the Vancouver chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. She succeeds Dr. Jerry Hamovich.

Quastel, a native of Amsterdam, has been involved in several groups, including Hadassah-WIZO, STAR (an organization that helps seniors), the Jewish Festival of Arts and the Vancouver Holocaust Centre.

Liberation 'Accidental'

VICTORIA — The World War II Allies never intended to liberate Europe's concentration camps, British Columbia MLA Bernie Simpson said in a recent speech to the B.C. legislature.

Simpson, the province's only Jewish MLA, said, "The so-called liberation was, at best, a never-intended result of military planning. The camps were never once a priority of field commanders..."

Proof of that claim, he said, is that Allied troops arrived at the camps completely unprepared to handle the inmates.

Israel

Women's Demands

JERUSALEM — The government should immediately introduce regulations allowing women to read the Torah and wear a tallit at the Western Wall, a petition to the High Court of Justice demanded last Tuesday.

The petition was filed by Jerusalem city councillor Anat Hoffman and the Women of the Wall organization, as a follow-up to two earlier petitions.

'New' Gate Found

JERUSALEM — Excavation has begun on an ancient gate in the wall surrounding the Old City.

The gate was found some 30 metres west of Dung Gate.

Archaeologists dated the gate from the 12th century. It was sealed during Ottoman rule over the city, they said.

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JERUSALEM — Boots made by a 75-year-old shoemaker in Holon have been found in scientific tests to be considerably safer than new boots being issued to the Israel Defence Force.

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World

Bleak Future

KIEV — Most Ukrainian Jews want to emigrate to Israel but are afraid to, says a Jewish Agency emissary.

Yoref Tropiansky told a recent Toronto UJA mission that this year, 26,000 Jews from Ukraine are expected to make aliyah. Nearly 160,000 Ukrainian Jews have settled in Israel since 1989.

He said that "it is very dangerous to be a Jew" in Ukraine and he predicted a less than promising future for the country's 475,000 remaining Jews.

Extradition Ordered

ASUNCION, Paraguay — A judge here last week agreed to extradite seven suspects to Argentina in connection with the March 1992 bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires.

The suspects include five Lebanese men and a Brazilian woman. The seventh suspect, a man born in Lebanon, has obtained Brazilian citizenship.

Five of the suspects waived their right to appeal the extradition, saying they were willing to appear before an Argentine court to face charges for the embassy car bombing, which killed 29 people.

Jews Reassured

BRUSSELS — Jews here breathed a sigh of relief last month when Belgian extremists did not fare as well in parliamentary elections as had been predicted.

The centre-left government of Prime Minister Jean Luc Dehaene held its majority, with a 17.1 per cent vote nationwide.

The Flemish Bloc, which campaigned on an anti-immigrant platform, captured 7.8 per cent of the vote, a 1.2 per cent increase over previous results.

Ruling Welcomed

SYDNEY — The Jewish community of New South Wales, Australia's most populous state, has welcomed a landmark legal decision against racism.

A city council member in the New South Wales city of Wagga Wagga was ordered to apologize publicly to Australian aboriginals for calling them "half-breeds" and "savages." He was fined $2,200.

New French Leader

PARIS — Henri Hajdenberg, 48, was elected May 21 to serve a three-year term as president of the Representative Council of French Jewish Institutions, known by its French acronym, CRIF.

Hajdenberg, a lawyer, defeated Roger Pinto, 62, for the leadership of the umbrella body representing France's secular Jewish organizations.

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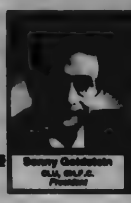
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Rain fails to slow UJA marchers

2,000 turn out for annual trek

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Organizers of United Jewish Appeal's Community March for Israel weren't kidding when they said the annual event would proceed "rain or shine."

Despite a steadily worsening rainfall, 2,000 marchers hiked the five kilometres along Bathurst Street from Thornhill's Promenade Shopping Mall to the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) in North York.

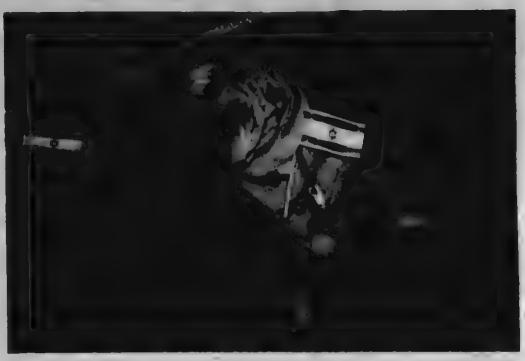
"A little fresh air never hurt anyone," said an undaunted 9-year-old, her long hair plastered to her head and her sopping running shoes squishing as she walked.

At least two people ventured out in wheelchairs, joining the parade of marchers, many of whom held or wore the Israeli flags which were handed out at registration.

The walk was led by Yossi Goldberg and Gabi Kadosh, mayors of Metulla and Eilat respectively. The latter is Israel's southernmost city; the former its northernmost. The UJA funds projects in both cities.

Accompanying the two Israeli mayors were the Toronto youngsters who had raised the most money — Tamara Zicherman, and Nataniel and Eliezer Philosophe. Approximately $150,000 in total was raised for young olim recently arrived in Israel.

At the post-march festival, which featured a covered petting zoo, participants warmed up with hot dogs and coffee under the overhang of the Lipa Green building. On hand were a variety of entertainers, including the a cappella group The Simple Tones, and Barney, the dinosaur of television fame.



The weather may have been fit for the dogs (above), but the youngster in the stroller was ready to be part of the March for Israel, rain or shine. [Stephen Epstein photo]

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UJA to ask contributors for three-year commitment

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The 1996 United Jewish Appeal (UJA) campaign will ask its supporters for a three-year commitment to free up time and energy for vital needs, co-chairs Carol Kassel and Chuck Gold announced recently.

The news was relayed to campaign leaders under a large red and blue banner bearing the words, "Boldly go where no campaign has ever gone before."

Even if only 20 or 30 per cent of UJA donors agree to a three-year pledge it will provide the opportunity in the second and third years to concentrate on new gifts and donors who have not renewed, and for canvassers to strengthen personal links with supporters when they do not have to ask for a donation, Kassel said.

"No one has ever tried this before. Every other campaign will be watching us," she said.

For the first time, mounting needs in the community have resulted in UJA's allocating more of its campaign total to local requirements than to Israel, Gold said. In 1996, 51.4 per cent will be for local needs and 48.6 per cent for Israel.

Local agency budgets have had to be cut by 5.5 per cent, he said.

Mark Gryfe, former campaign director, told the meeting he is leaving UJA after 17 years, to become national executive director of The Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, taking up his new duties in the fall. Ted Sokolsky is the new UJA campign director.

Gryfe said there are signs that UJA commitment, which has made Toronto an outstanding Jewish communal leader, is weakening and that the problem has to be addressed directly.

Most Jews in Toronto have a picture of the community in their minds which does not reflect reality because the community has changed so much in the past 20 years, he said.

It has grown from 97,000 to 162,505 in 20 years, and now represents 46 per cent of Canadian Jewry. Despite a popular conception that much of Toronto's increase has resulted from the Montreal exodus, Gryfe pointed out that 15,000 came from countries outside Canada in the past 10 years, 2,500 from other provinces and 4,800 from other places within Ontario.

Seven of every eight Jews live along the Bathurst corridor in Toronto, North York or Vaughan. Twenty per cent live in Toronto, 44 per cent in North York and 27 per cent in York Region. The latter, he said, is a region virtually "unserviced."

At Bathurst and Sheppard, 50 per cent of Jews are over 65 while in Bathurst Manor the figure is 32 per cent.

One of seven Jews in Toronto lives below the poverty line, 57 per cent being women and 43 per cent men. One of every 10 children under age 14 lives in poverty. The poor are three times as likely to live alone. Immigrants arriving in the last 10 years make up 10 per cent of the total population but 18 per cent of Jewish poor.

Baruch Gur to work as UJA shaliach

TORONTO — The man who developed and executed the master plan to rescue Jews from the former Soviet Union (FSU) will soon be working for Toronto's UJA.

Baruch Gur begins a two-year assignment early in June as the Jewish Agency's Toronto *shaliach*.

In 1990, Gur created the blueprint used by the Agency to organize the exodus of Soviet Jews.

"It called for massive Agency involvement, spread all over the country, with offices in every city with over 10,000 Jews," he said.

Since 1990, nearly 600,000 Soviet Jews have moved to Israel. Today, more than 20,000 residents of Russia and the former Soviet republics are enrolled in Agency Hebrew courses; there are 17 departure points for Israel inside the former Soviet Union, and Gur predicts strong aliyah for the balance of this decade.

"There are 1.3 million Jews left — the majority in Russia and roughly 500,000 in Ukraine. Every year until the end of this century, at least 110,000 will leave. By the year 2,000, only 500,000 Jews will remain."

Baruch Gur

Gur is leaving the Agency's Soviet desk because his mission has been so successful. "After passing the peak of building the organization, it was time to step down," he said. "I found a warm Jewish community in Toronto. When the offer came, I thought it would be a good idea."

United Jerusalem will remain capital of Israel, says Begin

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Binyamin Begin, son of former Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin, was in Toronto recently to address a Yom Yerushaliyim rally sponsored by One Israel-Canadian Friends of Yesha.

Begin, a Likud MK, told the enthusiastic crowd he supports the Labor government decision to exclude foreign governmental institutions, including the PLO, from Jerusalem.

"Jerusalem, united city, [will] always be the capital city of the State of Israel and exclusively so," he told the crowd at B'nai Torah Congregation.

Begin said he is behind the government's position that Arab representatives of Jerusalem cannot serve on a future Arab Council in Judea, Samaria and Gaza following elections.

Binyamin Begin

Jewish Jerusalem has many enemies, he said, including PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, who subscribe to a treaty signed after the Muslims conquered the city from the Christians in 638 CE. Under the treaty hundred of millions of Arabs and more than a million Muslims came to view Jerusalem as their holy city.

"For them it is holy and we as human beings should respect honest, sincere genuine feelings. The only thing we demand is reciprocity from that point of view."

Begin added that the Arabs and the Muslim world cannot accept that Israel, with a population of only 4.5 million Jews, controls Jerusalem.

When Arafat talks about Jerusalem to Muslims, as he did in a mosque in Johannesburg in May 1994, he almost always refers to that treaty. "This is why they do not let go and why they wouldn't let go," Begin said.

From coast to coast

Toronto-Eilat special ties

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Eilat Mayor Gabi Kadosh chats with his Toronto counterpart, Barbara Hall. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

TORONTO — Gabi Kadosh may have felt a little out of his element when he helped lead the rain-drenched March for Israel last week.

Coming from the desert city of Eilat, where cloudless skies and 40 degree heat are de rigeur in late May, the cool wet weather was a shock to his system.

But a day later, still sporting a summery tan, Kadosh was extolling the virtues of Israel's southernmost city.

Kadosh, 41, has served as mayor of Eilat for 1½ years, during which the city has enjoyed an unprecedented boom.

Tourism is feeding that economic growth, generated in large measure by the favorable media coverage following peace between Israel and Jordan, he said.

Sun worshippers are now visiting Eilat in record numbers. Developers are adding 2,000 hotel rooms to Eilat's stock of 6,000, and the city expects to have 12,000 rooms available by the turn of the century, Kadosh said. Eilat already boasts a year-round occupancy rate of 85 per cent, high by industry standards, serving large number of Scandinavian, British and French visitors.

The city is a free trade zone and Israel's closest port to the markets of the Far East, making it attractive to hi-tech industries.

As well, Eilat is hoping to turn itself into an international banking centre on the model of the Cayman Islands and is leading the way in developing a fish-farming industry and desalination plants, he said.

With all that activity, the city is rapidly adding to its population base of 38,000, as people from all over Israel, and many recent Russian olim, head south to fill the jobs the boom has created. Six thousand apartments are being erected to house that influx.

Yet there's a dark side to Eilat's rapid growth.

Most of the new jobs are low-paying and attract single parents trying to make ends meet. The cost of living in Eilat is higher than the rest of the country.

That's where Kadosh's visit to Canada comes in. Eilat has been a recipient of the United Jewish Appeal's (UJA) Project Renewal efforts since 1989, as Toronto Jews help the city provide a wide range of social welfare amenities for its population.

Despite the boom, Eilat still needs help providing adequate social services, Kadosh, a Likudnik, said.

Single parents who work in the hotels need day care facilities for their children. Workers need help in getting housing. There is a need for family planning counselling, women's shelters, community centres and programs for disadvantaged youth, he said.

Since 1989, Toronto's Project Renewal has allocated about $4 million for projects in Eilat. The Jewish community here also participates in the design, planning and supervision of the projects.

Kadosh would like to see more direct involvement, with Torontonians volunteering to spend time in Eilat teaching English and helping open new schools.

"We don't want people to be misled by Eilat's astonishing growth," he said. "For social projects, we still need more ... The money sent from Canada goes to the people who need it the most."

Kadosh was joined by Metulla mayor Yossi Goldberg in leading the March for Israel, bringing together Israel's northernmost and southernmost communities. Both receive major financial assistance from Toronto's Jewish community.

Vancouver congregation finds a new home

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — After operating out of a hotel room and members' homes for three years, Congregation Shaarey Tefilah has settled into a permanent home.

The official opening was held May 28 at the space in an industrial/residential condominium complex at 16th Avenue and Heather. The Aron Kodesh was donated by Victor Setton.

Rabbi Ronald Price, executive vice-president of the Union for Traditional Judaism (UTJ) of New Jersey, officiated at the opening. The shul's rabbi, appointed in time for services last Rosh Hashanah, is Mordechai Scher.

Congregation president Dr. Arhur Hayes said Shaarey Tefilah is the first Vancouver shul operating under the aegis of the UTJ. He said Shaarey Tefiliah's aim is to reach out to unaffiliated Jewish families, especially younger ones, "so they won't be lost to Judaism."

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Women's group says Israel a 'democratic dictatorship'

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Israeli government has taken away the hopes, dreams and dignity of the Jewish people, claims the co-founder of Women for Israel's Tomorrow.

"The Jewish majority in Israel is screaming that they have had enough of the government that has tricked them," said Nadia Matar at a recent lecture at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue.

"It is a government that takes its direction from the extreme left and no longer believes in the Jewish state ... a government that has turned into a democratic dictatorship," she said.

Matar was in Toronto as a representative of the organization also known as Women in Green, composed of thousands of women known for their trademark green hats. The group seeks to heighten awareness of issues it feels threaten the survival of Israel.

Matar said the board of Women in Green is made up of women but "it is not a feminist group. We bring a feminine side to our struggle ... Our strength is that we do not belong to any political party and we are composed of women from every spectrum of life."

Weekly vigils help keep up the group's profile.

"We have become a real force and we are like little flies that annoy the government. We even bang pots and pans" when the government meets.

She said that although Women in Green is in Toronto to raise funds, "we don't only need your money, we need you to go to the streets. It is your land also and the government is giving this land away. An exchange of land for peace will leave the safety of Israel in Arab hands. The State of Israel is in danger and if it is in danger, you also are in danger.

"Join us in the fight for Am Israel. You need us to fight there, but we need you to fight here. Only then can we overcome the black cloud. Our platform is simple. We want our children and grandchildren to live as Jews in Israel. We believe that Jerusalem will be Jewish forever."

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בלשים לקיץ

הקיץ מגיע ואולי יהיה לנו יותר זמן לקרוא ספרים. מתי קראתם לאחרונה ספר בעברית? אני בטוח שהתשובה מגוונת - חלק קראו אתמול וחלק רק לפני שנה. או לאלה גם לאלה כמה המלצות בלי יומרות ספרותיות. בראש ובראשונה - נעים לגלות שסוף סוף , אחרי אלפיים שנות, הולך ומתחזק בארץ סגנון ספרי הבלש בעברית. מה אגיד לכם - לא נופל מאגאתה כריסטי ושרלוק הולמס ! מי מיכם שלא קרא עדיין את ספריה של בתיה גור " הרצח בחוג לספרות", "לינה משותפת " ודומיהם - מחכה לו תענוג אמיתי. המפקח מיכאל אוחיון לא נופל מגברת מרפל ולא מחוויר לעומת ג'יימס בונד. השנה יצאו בארץ שני ספרי מתח שמצליחים מאוד ושבתי להקדיש להם מילה טובה. " מלכודת הדבש" הוא סיפורה של רוזמה אמריקנית, עולה חדשה, שמסתבכת בעלילות מסתוריות. הספר כתוב בצורה מאוד אמינה ואין בו כל זיוף או ויתור. למרות שהמחבר הוא גבר (אמנון זקונט), העלילה שמסופרת בפי אישה בגוף ראשון- נשמעת מאוד אמינה, נשית ורכה. מאחר והמספרת היא עולה חדשה מארצות הברית- ההסתכלות שלה על התרבות הישראלית, החל ברעשנות וכלה בגברים שאוהבים לנמור מהר - מאוד משעשעת.

הלהיט הנוכחי בתחום הבלש הוא ספרו של רם אורן "פיתוי" . כתיבתו קולחת, מאוד מידית אבל מה -זה-שטחית ,ולא רוצים להפסיק באמצע. מה שנחמד בכל ספרי הבלשים הישראלים הוא שמעבר לעלילה אתה רואה את הדמויות אוכלות תומפוס, נוסעות ברחובות שאתה מכיר, בערים שנדלת בהם ועד כתה וכהנה. גברת מרפל הזקנה של אגאטה כריסטי שותה תה בכפר בריטי נשום, בנוף שלא אומר לך כלום. ממש בימים אלה, לאור הצלחתו הגדולה של "פיתוי", הוציא רם אורן (שהוא עורך דין בהכשרתו) את סיפרו השני - "משחק מכור".

אם יוצא לכם לנסוע ארצה או מישהוא אחר נוסע - כדאי לקחת אותם לטיסה!

סרט דמיוני שהומך למציאות :

בטור הקודם הבטחתי לכם בעיה רפואית אמיתית שעומדת להיות דילמה יום יומית להרבה רופאים וחולים. אז הינה: פארקינסון היא מחלה נוירולוגית קשה שגורמת לנכות מתמדת. אנשים מאבדים את כושר התנועה שלהם וההפרעה מלווה ברעד קשה. פארקינסון נגרמת עקב פגיעה בתאי עצב המרכיבים את המערכת האקסטרה פיראמידלית במוח. בשנים האחרונות חלה אמנם התקדמות רבה בפיתוח תרופות לפארקינסון , אך חולים רבים אינם זוכים להקלה אמיתית עם התרופות הקיימות. והינה - לצד פיתוח התרופות מצאו מדענים שניתן להשתיל במוחו של חולה פארקינסון בו נפגעו תאי העצב האקסטרה פיראמידליים - תאי עצב חדשים שנלקחו ממוח של עוברים! בהתחלה נוסה התהליך בחיות ורק לאחרונה - בבני אדם. בניתוח קל יחסית משתילים לחולה הפארקינסון פיסות קטנות של רקמת מוח עובר ובמקרים רבים נגרמת הקלה דרמטית ואף היעלמות של הפארקינסון. ניתוחים שלאחר המוות (אצל חולים שמתו מסיבות שונות) מצאו שתאי העובר נקלטו ותפקדו היטב. עד כאן - המהפכה הדרמטית, ועכשיו הבעיה : מאיפה לוקחים מוח של עוברים ? כמובן, מהפלות. הפלות הן כידוע אחת הסיבות הלוהטות ביותר בארה"ב, ומליוני אמריקנים מתנגדים להן. יותר מזה - מי ימנע מאיש עשיר שיש לו פארקינסון "לתמוך" בנערה עניה בתנאי ש"תתרום" את העובר שלה? או אולי אפילו תיכנס להריון כדי לתרום עובר. נשמע נורא, לאז כדי למנוע תסריטים נוראיים כאלה, פועלים בכל בתי החולים שבהם מתנהלים ניתוחים מסוג זה ועדות אתיקה שמפקחות בקפדנות ששום חוק לא יופר. יתרה מכך - רשויות המחקר, המקציבות סכומי עתק לביצוע ניתוחים כאלה - בודקות את התהליך בזכוכיות חמגדלת שלהן. עד כאן - העולם המערבי והמדינות הדמוקרטיות שבהן זכויות האזרח נשמרות בקפדנות.

על מח שקורה בארצות הלא דמוקרטיות - בעוד שבועיים.

רץ ישראלי יקר :

נגנת פתחה לאמא שהביאה את בנה לגן ואחרי היסוסים שאלה אותה :"תסלחי לי, יש לכם מכשיר וידיאו בביתו?" -" כן, ענתה האם, איך ידעתי? הסמיקה הגננת ואמרה : "י... אתם רואים בבית סרטים כחולים?" הסמיקה האם וענתה : "כ... כן, אבל איך ידעת?" ענתה לה הגננת : " אני כבר עשרים וחמש שנה רואה ילדים משחקים ב'אבא אמא' , אבל איך שהבן שלך שיחק הבוקר - עוד לא ראיתי אף פעם !" (כפי שהופיע בעיתון מורים ישראלי.) .

Correction

Little words can make a big difference. In the essay by Rabbi Jay Kelman *Counting the days to Shavuot* which appeared in last week's issue, we inadvertently dropped two important words and changed two syllables of another. The correct text should have read:

"In enumerating the 613 biblical mitzvot that a Jew must observe, there are those who *do not* count the belief in the existence of G-d amongst them. However, without this basic belief, Judaism is meaningless...

"So too, only once we accept the Torah can we begin to discuss its meaning. It is super*fluous* to mention that the Torah was accepted on Shavuot, because our observance of the holiday itself testifies to its acceptance...".

Our apologies to writer and reader.

From coast to coast

War crimes case delayed until July 6

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Alleged war criminal Joseph Nemsila will have to wait until July 6 to see whether the case to deport him will go ahead.

Last week, Nemsila's lawyer Barbara Jackman and federal lawyer Christopher Amerasinghe agreed to the delay to prepare legal arguments on the question of Nemsila's permanent residence.

In addition, a number of key documents are still being translated and federal authorities have yet to make full disclosure of their case against Nemsila.

In a one-hour hearing, Jackman alerted adjudicator Ed MacNamara that if her client had established residence under immigration laws in effect at the time of his entry to Canada, he could not be deported even if he had misrepresented his wartime activities.

In his 1986 report on war criminals in Canada, Justice Jules Deschenes wrote that "the notion of the valid acquisition of a Canadian domicile is dissolved once fraud on entry is established."

Jackman said the defence team was also considering an application to exclude the press from all or part of the proceedings "if there would be a threat to Nemsila's physical safety."

Nemsila is alleged to have entered Canada by fraudulent means or by misrepresenting his wartime activities. He admitted to CTV News that he was a member of the Hlinka Guard, the Slovak counterpart to the German SS.

"My order was to go against the uprisers and put the uprisers down," he said. "I am not guilty. I am not involved personally in anything."

He later blamed "the Jews" for pushing to get him deported.

Nemsila was one of four cases recently launched against suspected Nazi war criminals.

MEDALS FOR JEWISH WAR VETS

Commander Bob Willson, (left) captain of the HMCS Haida, docked in Toronto's harbor, watches as Russia's ambassador to Canada, Alexander Belonogov, presents a medal to Jewish World War II veteran Chaim Multianer. The ambassador recently presented medals to 70 Jewish war vets to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of the war. At right is Jack Cahan, Toronto post commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. [Lou Van Delman photo]

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The power of kindness

Although we often lament what we consider to be the obsession by most western media with coverage of events in Israel, our ears always perk up when Israel is in the news. At the same time, we hold our breath lest the news be of tragedy or of terror. But in truth, most of us crave news of Israel. Indeed this paper owes its existence in part to the need to satisfy that craving.

Unfortunately, but understandably, security and politics dominate the news we receive. For many people, especially those who have not personally experienced Israel, the image of Israeli life is primarily shaped by the preponderance of stories on the airwaves, on television screens and in print, on these two recurring themes, neither of which is generally positive or upbeat.

But unreported and thus undiscovered in the incessant stream of news and bulletins from Israel are the stories of ordinary folk doing the "ordinary" things that are too little appreciated for the great deeds they are. In this issue of *The CJN* our Israel correspondent Leora Frucht writes about a woman, Jane Kimchi, and her publication *QUARK*, both of which are dedicated "to illuminate some of the countless acts of *gemilut chesed* or human kindness".

As Kimchi explains, "*Chesed* is intrinsic to Judaism, but this is not widely recognized...There are a great many untold stories of people who give of themselves to others, not in a brief moment of daring, but rather as an ongoing aspect of their daily lives." *QUARK* tells some of these untold stories.

Kindness abounds in Israel; as it does here. We simply don't normally notice it.

A story is told (not in *QUARK*) about a poor man, more than a hundred years ago, who came to the home of a very wise and thoughtful rabbi. The man said that he had come to ask a question regarding the sacred rituals of Passover. He told the rabbi that he could not afford to buy wine, so he wished to know if he could fulfil the obligation to drink four cups of wine during the seder by drinking four cups of milk. The rabbi said that no Jew could fulfill this important religious commandment with milk. The rabbi then gave the man 25 rubles with which to buy wine.

After the man had left, the rabbi's wife went to her husband with a question. Why, she asked, when wine cost two or three rubles, had the rabbi given the man 25?

The rabbi smiled and said: "When a poor Jew asks if he can use milk at his seder because he cannot afford wine, it is obvious that he cannot afford meat either."

Kindness, as the rabbi understood, is the great uplifter of the human soul and sustainer of human dignity. In the pace and preoccupations of our daily lives we often forget this. Thus, we owe Kimchi a debt of gratitude for bringing some of the "quarks" of kindness in Israeli life to our attention and for reminding us of the power in an act of human kindness.

Prairie life

After a hiatus of two months, our series on the Jewish community of Canada resumes with an essay on the Jews of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. *CJN* Prairie correspondent Myron Love describes past and present Jewish life in the Prairie provinces. He also paints an unembellished picture of two communities which are aging and slowly decreasing in numbers.

But we also read about the determination of the Jewish leadership to counteract the implications of the communities' demographic trends. Looking directly into the future, Don Aronovitch, president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council sees a "community headed for a new plateau of cooperation, coordination and inclusiveness. People are realizing that the dollars are fewer and that all the organizations have to work together to better service their constituents."

Let us hope that Aronovitch is correct in his assessment. May their success serve as a role model for community organizations around the country.

Dry Bones

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Rabbi Bulka defends position on Poles

Hanna Sokolski, president of the Canadian Polish Congress, and Frank Bialystok take issue with a remark I made in my May 11 article in *The CJN*, saying Poland "was so steeped in anti-Semitism that it eagerly cooperated with the Nazis in the cold-blooded murder of Jews."

Their argument is not with me, it is with history. A few quotes from Encyclopaedia Judaica (EJ), Volume 13, pages 776 and 777, will suffice.

"The entire Polish population was vehemently anti-German, but the vast majority of people were also violently anti-Semitic." (p.776)

"The Nazi propaganda machine cleverly exploited the anti-Semitism existing among the Polish population ... As a result, Jews who had been in hiding on the "Aryan" side were denounced to the Nazis. In many places Poles not only assisted in the search for Jews, but joined the Nazis in torturing and killing them as well. The Polish police, with hardly any exception, took part in the actions and on several occasions were themselves in charge of rounding up the Jews and dispatching them to the death camps." (p.777)

Yes, there were rescue efforts, but, as EJ concludes, "the percentage of Jews saved in Poland was the smallest, since the predominant attitude was hostile, while rescue was the exception to the rule." (p.777)

The author of these statements in EJ is none other than Isaiah Trunk of the YIVO Institute.

In fact, both Mrs. Sokolski and Mr. Bialystok are off the mark, as are their unwarranted missives.

But the fact that they took the trouble to write is not without value. Especially in the case of Mrs. Sokolski, her letter reveals a problem which needs to be confronted.

Whatever judgment is made about yesterday's Poles does not by definition extend to today's Poles. We would prefer and welcome cordial, friendly and cooperative dialogue with the Poles.

But that cannot be based on ignoring or distorting the past. It must be based on awareness of the past, on the failings and sins of that past, on rejection of the hate and anti-Semitism that infused that past.

Any tomorrow based on distorting yesterday has little chance of enduring.

Rabbi Reuven P. Bulka
Congregation Machzikei Hadas
Ottawa

Says few Poles tried to rescue Jews

In his attempt to adhere to historical accuracy purportedly ignored by Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Frank Bialystok (in his letter, *CJN* May 25) employs language that obfuscates (I hope inadvertently) the issue of the way Poles treated Jews during the World War II. "As for Poles," writes Bialystok, in refutation of Rabbi Bulka's statement, "most were bystanders to the Holocaust, some profited from it, and a relatively small number tried to rescue Jews." Indeed, what is "a relatively small number?"

According to the census of 1931, the Polish population numbered more than 31 million people. Out of this number, 3,268 Poles were involved in rescuing Jews, according to Yad Vashem statistics, which comes to .01 per cent. In Bialystok's spirit of generosity and open mindedness, I will quadruple the number of Polish Righteous which adds up to 13,072. This figure translates to .04 per cent.

Suppose the proverbial Chelm's population was 10,000. Of that number, .04 per cent were wise and the rest fools. Would Chelm qualify as a town which has a relatively small number of wise people or rather be considered a town of fools except for four wise people? I put this question to any statistician worth his/her figures.

It is not often that statistics combine with folklore in the service of historical accuracy as in this case.

Eli Pfefferkorn
Toronto

'Bitterness still remains in me'

The reply of the Canadian Polish Congress to Rabbi Reuven Bulka in *The CJN* of May 18 caught my eye.

The polemic regarding the attitude of Poles to their Jewish co-citizens will go on for years. While there were Poles who risked their lives helping and saving Jews, their number was small in comparison to those who denounced the Jews. Some Poles were murdered by other Poles because they did help Jews.

I would love to hear the explanation of the Congress for the policy of the Polish committee (unofficial Polish consulate) in Budapest from 1941 until late fall 1943.

After the occupation of Poland by Germans and Russians, many Poles escaped to Hungary, which was granting them asylum. Upon presentation of a document from the committee certifying citizenship, the office in charge of control and supervision of foreigners in Hungary, gave the refugee a permit allowing him to stay and work in Hungary. In Hungary, a police state, no one could rent a room or even a bed without first registering with the police. But this committee refused to recognize us Jews as Polish citizens and to provide us with a life-saving document.

Living during the war in a police state was most difficult. While those who were granted asylum received a small pension and, living in dignity, calmly awaited the end of the war, we Polish Jews lived in most difficult and dangerous conditions. Many of us were caught by Hungarian police and deported to Poland (in the hands of Gestapo). The blood of those deported and murdered by Germans stains the hands of Poles.

Only in late fall of 1943 (on whose orders I was never able to discover) were we granted (using Catholic Polish names) the proper documents to start a normal life.

I became prosperous in Canada and have spent many vacations in Europe. I did visit Hungary and Romania twice. (I escaped to Romania after the German occupation of Hungary), but never did I set my foot in Poland as the bitterness I felt in those years still remains in me.

Victor David
formerly from Lwow
Montreal

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Perspectives

THE JEWS OF CANADA *Manitoba/Saskatchewan*

By MYRON LOVE
Special to The CJN

A planned new Jewish high school and community centre in Winnipeg and a third annual Lag b'Omer celebration in Saskatchewan are symbols of the continuing vitality of long-established western Canadian Jewish communities, despite lack of population growth.

The Jewish communities of Saskatchewan came together to celebrate Lag b'Omer at Lake Manitou for the first time two years ago. "We had about 10 per cent of the Jewish population of the province out last year," says June Avivi, a past president of Saskatoon's Jewish community and principal of the city's Jewish cheder.

In Winnipeg, the Jewish community leadership believes the Jewish Community Campus project will revitalize the community. Work is scheduled to begin on the $26-million south Winnipeg Jewish K-12 school and community centre in the spring, with the completion date set for the fall of 1997. Campus will replace the old north Winnipeg Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, the downtown YMHA Jewish Community Centre and the south Winnipeg Ramah Elementary School.

The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education also oversees the K-6 Talmud Torah, at present connected to Joseph Wolinsky. In addition, there is a small Lubavitch day school and a Hebrew bilingual public school program to Grade 8 in north Winnipeg, and another Hebrew bilingual public school elementary program in south Winnipeg.

"Campus will be the focal point of the community," says Bob Freedman, executive director of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC), "but it will be more than a nice building. It will cause the major service providers in the community to develop new relationships and improve upon the ways they deliver their services to the community. The various agencies will learn to work more closely together.

Winnipeg's Jewish community throughout its history has been a "significant and respected community." In *Journey Into Our Heritage: The Story of the Jewish People in the Canadian West*, historian Harry Gutkin says Jewish settlement in the city began in the late 1870s with a few dozen Jewish individuals from the United States, England and Germany. In 1881, there were 21 Jewish families in Winnipeg and another 12 elsewhere in Manitoba.

The first large influx of Jewish immigrants came in 1882, with the arrival of 1,247 men, women and children escaping persecution in Russia. They were the first of thousands of Jews, mostly escaping from the Pale of Settlement and its poverty and pogroms, who would come west over the next several decades.

With Winnipeg as their jumping off point, the new arrivals fanned out across Manitoba and Saskatchewan, establishing themselves as merchants and farmers. Several Jewish farm colonies were started in the two provinces. Among the best known were Edenbridge, Lipton and Hirsch in Saskatchewan and Camper and Bender Hamlet in Manitoba.

In the interwar years, almost every town and village in Manitoba and Saskatchewan numbered at least one Jewish family and several of the bigger communities had large enough Jewish populations to support a synagogue and cheder.

Winnipeg itself by 1920 had a Jewish population of 14,000 — mainly in the city's north end — and a full range of synagogues, schools (mainly Yiddish-language schools), landsmanshaften, newspapers and cultural and social organizations.

Following World War II, Winnipeg's Jewish community continued to grow, bolstered by the arrival of Holocaust survivors and Jewish families leaving the countryside. The population peaked at 21,000 in the 1961 census.

But a decline in the Jewish population throughout Manitoba and Saskatchewan that began in the 1950s picked up steam in the '60s and '70s.

Gradually, almost all the rural Jewish communities, like many others, closed down. The people on the farms and in the small towns followed their children into Regina and Saskatoon, and primarily Winnipeg. At the same time, many younger Winnipeggers left to seek their fortune in Toronto or Vancouver.

Men at prayer, Jewish Old Folks Home, Winnipeg, early 1920s.

Today, there are no more than a handful of Jews left in rural Manitoba, including several South African doctors and their families, who are temporarily practising in small towns in exchange for being allowed into Canada.

Brandon, Manitoba's second city, has the largest Jewish population outside of Winnipeg. There may be 10 families or individuals, some of whom get together for Passover or Chanukah. For the yamim tovim, some drive into Winnipeg to attend synagogue. A few are on the faculty of Brandon University.

The University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon injects fresh blood on an ongoing basis into the city's small Jewish population. June Avivi, a lifelong resident of Saskatchewan, reports that Statistics Canada lists over 800 Jews in Saskatoon (overall population about 175,000), but she notes that only 178 families are affiliated with the Agudas Israel Synagogue.

Saskatoon's Jewish population, which dates from the early 1900s (Saskatchewan did not become a province until 1905), has never exceeded a few hundred people. However Avivi and Walter Gumprich, community development officer for the North Saskatchewan Federation, are upbeat about the community's prospects.

The population goes up and down, says Gumprich, who is originally from Glasgow, Scotland. "June and I know the older people but we don't always get to know new arrivals. The fact, though, that our Hebrew school enrolment is up is a positive sign."

He notes that the synagogue sisterhood recently had a Friday night supper. They budgeted for 100 people and had to cut the numbers off at 130.

Although the young people do leave, it is a trend Gumprich encourages. He reasons that they will find Jewish spouses elsewhere and some will move back. Most of the younger people spend a year in Israel while at university and become the teachers in the Hebrew school.

Intermarriage is a concern here, as it is elsewhere. Avivi reports the community is trying to encourage the partners in mixed marriages to participate in the Hebrew school and other community functions.

The community is also trying to encourage younger members to assume leadership roles.

Eileen Curtis, development officer at the South Saskatchewan Jewish Federation office in Regina, is not as optimistic as Gumprich and Avivi. She reports her office has a mailing list of 200 Jewish families including a handful of older residents and some South African families in towns around Regina.

"We have not had any young families move into the community since Crown Life moved its head office here a few years ago," Curtis says.

Most of the community belongs to the traditional Orthodox Beth Jacob Synagogue whose rabbi, Shlomo Truzman, is active in presenting the Jewish community to the wider community. He often speaks to schools and invites school groups to visit the synagogue.

The 5-year-old Reform Temple Tikvah is continuing to grow, with 31 families now

"We have the same problems as Saskatoon," Curtis says. "Most of our young people leave for college elsewhere. This is a close knit community. The kids grow up with each other. They have to leave to find Jewish husbands and wives. Lately though, some have been staying because of the cost of going to school somewhere else."

After two decades of decline, Winnipeg's Jewish population has levelled off at about 15,000 according to the last census. The numbers are little changed from the 1981 census, according to Evelyn Katz, a past president of the community and the director of an ongoing demographic survey for the WJCC.

Within the community, there have been two very noticeable trends over the past few years. One is the aging of the population. Katz reports that 23.5 per cent of Winnipeg's Jewish population is over 65, as compared to 12-15 per cent of the general population.

"We have a higher proportion of seniors than other Canadian Jewish communities," she says. "There has been some shrinkage in the 40-50 age group, which could mean future shrinkage overall. It depends how many younger people may move back from Vancouver and Toronto. Times are tough in those cities. We hear of a lot of younger people who would like to move back if jobs were available."

The other trend is a continuing movement of Jewish Winnipeggers from the north end of the city to the south side River Heights and affluent Tuxedo areas. Where most of the population used to be north, now about at least 50 per cent live south and another 10 per cent in neighborhoods near the downtown and elsewhere.

Katz reports that her surveys indicate 67 per cent of Jewish children under five now live in south Winnipeg and an increasing number of seniors are also moving south to be closer to their children and grandchildren. An anomaly is that most of the synagogues and all the kosher bakeries and restaurants are still located in north Winnipeg.

The community leadership envisages Campus playing a major role in generating renewed enthusiasm and perhaps encouraging former Winnipeggers to return and attracting new people.

"We broke all the rules of fundraising in raising money for Campus," says WJCC president Don Aronovitch enthusiastically. "We raised much of the funds even before we had a site selected. Most fundraisers would say that can't be done. We have raised $19 million (including corporate and government contributions) without impinging on our regular Combined Jewish Appeal campaign (which raises $3 million to $4 million annually — more money per capita than most other North American Jewish communities). That speaks loudly for this community."

In an era of tighter budgets however, the community leadership is re-examining the way the community operates. Currently, the WJCC consists of a 50-member board, elected by the Jewish community at large, and an executive. Last March, a leadership retreat was held to address decision-making and organization. A planning committee is currently writing a report based on the retreat with recommendations as to possible improvements and greater efficiency. The report should be ready by April.

Vital Signs

MANITOBA

Jewish Population	16,000
Main Jewish centres	Winnipeg, Brandon
Number of synagogues	12
Number of day schools	5
Number of children receiving some Jewish education	1,171
Kosher restaurants, including hotel catering	6

SASKATCHEWAN

Jewish Population	1,000
Main Jewish centres	Saskatoon, Regina
Number of synagogues	3
Number of day schools	none
Number of children receiving some Jewish education	86
Number of Kosher restaurants	none

Opinions

Some summer tidbits

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Having sent my latest manuscript to the publisher (a commentary on the Haftarot of the year), and being reasonably au courant with my other literary assignments, I have at last had an opportunity to read some of the journals which are stacked up high and waiting for my attention. Amongst these is a magazine called *Utne Reader*, a bimonthly publication coming out of Minnesota, which scans some 200 journals and newspapers, in order to extract from them unusual and interesting information. It brings the readers a pot-pourri of brief reprints which they would otherwise never have a chance to see. There is always enough to fill 15 or 20 minutes usefully. Here are some examples which I offer as tidbids for summer reading.

In the United States, every 12 seconds a man beats up his current or former wife or girlfriend, and every day four or five men murder women who are trying to escape them. When the media report these incidents, they often use the language of "love," cold-blooded murder becomes a "crime of passion," as though Miss Lonely-hearts were working the police beat: A man guns down his former wife and a new boyfriend and reporters call it a "love triangle." A man shoots and kills several coworkers, among them a woman who refused to date him. The press reports a "tragedy of spurned love." A man kidnaps his estranged wife, rapes her, accuses her of an imaginary affair and chokes her to death (all in front of the children). A reporter writes that he "made love to his wife," and strangled her when he was "overcome with jealous passion." With love like that who needs hate? (The source was *USA Today*).

In the August 1994 issue of the American journal called *In These Times*, Joel Bleifuss published an article entitled *Right-Wing Confidential*. An excerpt as it appeared in the *Utne Reader* follows. (Note that this was written several months prior to the November election which brought the Republicans to power.)

"Newt Gingrich and his disciples may be getting most of the attention from the mainstream media during their current romp through Congress, but when it comes to influence and power the Newtonians are small potatoes compared with a small organization most of us have never heard of. When the leadership of the American radical right needs a strategy, chances are very good that the planning will occur in a meeting of the Council for National Policy (CNP).

"The group was launched at a public reception in 1981 and went underground soon after. Today CNP's Washington office will neither confirm nor deny that the group meets at all. We do know that its 500 members include former attorney general Edwin Meese, Jerry Falwell, Oliver North, Senator Jesse Helms and several lesser known but kookier characters. One of them wants to do away with Democracy and transfer the United States into a Christian nation where homosexuals, adulterers, blasphemers, astrologers and others will be executed.

"Though it is tempting to relegate this collection of wacky right-wingers to the fringes of the political landscape, the Republican establishment is married to the Christian right. It cannot win an election without them."

Thus far the prophetic excerpt. The coalition did pull it off last November.

On the lighter side, in my continuing correspondence with the post office, consisting of barbs and occasional laurels, I came across another old envelope. The contents are gone, but the Israeli postage stamp and the writing are very clear indeed. The letter was addressed to The Chief Rabbinate of Toronto, and Canada Post delivered it to my address. In return I informed the authorities that we had no chief rabbinate in our city, and that if indeed we had, it wouldn't be located at 1950 Bathurst Street.

Have a good summer!

On the road again

By Erica Meyer Ranzin

We are planning to hit the road this summer in a way that avoids all the travel hassles of trying to find kosher food and cheap, but not tawdry, lodgings while keeping two adults and three children relatively comfortable.

We're renting an RV, a recreational vehicle. We'll pick it up a few days before we leave, so that my husband and I can hang our family's clothes in the infinitesimal closets and kosher the kitchen, except the oven, which I will close and forget. We're having a microwave summer.

I hope this solves the issues involved with travelling kosher, although it opens up several other challenges, all involving camping and touring for two weeks with the kids. Our children are now at an age range where anything that interests the eldest (age 12) does not interest the youngest (age 5), and vice versa. Our middle child (age 8) is pretty much only interested in make believe princesses and elegantly clothed dolls; so she doesn't much care where we go, as long as Barbie can come, too.

And she can, if she doesn't grow any bigger than 11 inches. That's about the total storage space allotted each child (adults get 12 inches) beyond the necessities of clothing and toothbrushes.

The habit of trailer or cabin living isn't hard to acquire. We first practised it beside Rice Lake, Ont., where we had a little fishing cabin and beautiful, peaceful scenery. The fishing cabin was even smaller than the RV: one room, total, with a kitchenette. The entire fishing camp had one pay phone and was accessible only via a single winding country road. We asked how people got in and out during the winter and were told that they drive pickup trucks across the frozen lake. Since the lake was not frozen when we were there (although the water was mighty cold for a Georgia girl), we didn't get to experiment. The winding road had to serve — and did.

On that trip, we coined our family phrase for maintaining a tidy, compact living space: Good Cabin Keeping. We joked that we could create a *Good Cabin Keeping* magazine, monthly volumes about maintaining 10 square feet of space in perfect cleanliness.

This is very easy to do if you (and if I) can remember one very simple rule: don't pack anything. Less carried is less clutter. Don't bring three pairs of jeans if two will serve. You realize I can talk a good game, in this regard, but it is hard to put into practice. I am a "just in case" packer, which means my cases are always crammed full.

You can't bring everything you own or meet every contingency in a small cabin or in an RV. You have to search for space saving strategies. One of our tricks this summer is that our travelling kosher kitchen will be dairy only. We might not be able to buy kosher meat everywhere we go anyway, and dairy is easier to replace and lighter to load up. The kids would just as soon live on pasta, so why not? We are eager to show our children that you can live Jewishly anywhere, with a well-kept Sabbath and three kosher meals a day, that being an observant Jew doesn't limit them, it opens the world to them, from here to Rice Lake and back.

So if you see an RV driven by a man with a beard and a kippah bumping along the side roads this summer, give us a wave. We won't be carrying much (I hope), but we'll always have enough bagels to share.

Reinventing the Histadrut

By Shira Herzog

One year later, the shockwaves of what was termed an "earthquake" in Israeli politics are still being felt. In May 1994, Haim Ramon, a maverick renegade from the Labor party and former minister of health, took on the Histadrut establishment, ran as an independent, and was elected chair of the national trade union federation. In the process, Ramon ousted the old guard, led by Labor stalwart Haim Haberfeld.

Ramon's victory in the Histadrut election was significant on several counts. It represented a final, crucial stage in the transformation of the historic, all-encompassing Labor party (or Mapai, as it was formerly called) into a political party like any other that could no longer claim an identity of interests between itself and the state. The Histadrut was established by the party during the pre-state period, not only to represent workers, but to offer them a broad range of social services. Since Mapai was the establishment party in the pre-state community (and, indeed, in the Zionist movement), the Histadrut quickly became a significant economic force. In its heyday, it was described as one of the country's biggest employers, due to its extensive industrial holdings.

Over the last decade, the cracks in the Histadrut's economic empire and cumbersome bureaucracy became apparent. As the Labor party became more identified with the interests of private enterprise, the cost of maintaining and subsidizing a sprawling system that had become an electoral burden vis-a-vis the middle class was clear to the party's leaders. While there was pressure on the Histadrut to divest itself of unprofitable holdings and real estate to pay off significant debt, the issue came to a head in the debate over health care reform.

Without national health insurance, Israelis were traditionally insured through sick funds (*kupot cholim*). The largest of these was the General Sick Fund, originally established during the British Mandate period as a community health provider, and owned and operated by the Histadrut. However, membership in the sick fund involved automatic membership in the trade union federation and over 25 per cent of paid premiums subsidized other Histadrut activities. Because of this, over the last several years, many Israelis voted with their feet and joined smaller, private sick funds, thereby contributing to the General Sick Fund's economic woes.

Ramon was thwarted by old guard at the Labor party central committee

Two former health ministers, Ehud Olmert of Likud and Haim Ramon of Labor, tried to introduce national health insurance through all the sick funds, that would involve divesting the Histadrut of its ownership of the General Sick Fund. Thwarted by the old guard at the Labor party central committee when the issue was brought to a vote, Ramon decided that "if he couldn't beat them, he would join them." In the election for Histadrut chair, enough Labor members of the Histadrut broke party ranks and decided to support Ramon's platform of reform.

Ramon's surprise victory paved the way to force the Histadrut's hand on the health care issue. The health care bill was passed last winter, and the General Sick Fund is no longer formally an arm of the trade union movement. Israelis pay health care premiums based on income directly to the government through the social insurance system and the government in turn reimburses the sick funds.

Ramon's vision is for a smaller, leaner Histadrut that concentrates on representing the workers' interests specifically on labor issues. While this reform was dictated largely by economic imperatives, Ramon is one of a small group of young Israeli politicians who have questioned the relevance of older institutions and systems that were part of the pre-state heritage. The recent election of Avrum Burg as chair of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency is also an acknowledgement of the need to make those institutions more relevant to present-day needs of world Jewry in its relationship to the State of Israel.

Some political observers feel Ramon gave Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin what he wanted but couldn't deliver himself — a historic change in a structure that had become anachronistic. Since then, Ramon has been forgiven for his "defection" by his colleagues in the Labor party. Indeed, he is viewed by many as a critical factor in their fight for victory at the polls in the national election in the fall of 1996. In Israel, as in other western countries, the status quo is not necessarily what the voters will reward.

Features

Peace and compliance

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel and the PLO have their eyes on the calendar.

Later this month, the U.S. Congress will decide whether to breathe new life into the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act, which authorizes funding to the tune of $500 million to the Palestine National Authority (PNA) in the autonomous areas (the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho).

The decision turns on one burning issue — whether or not the PNA, headed by Yasser Arafat, has complied with the 1993 Declaration of Principles (DoP) and the accompanying 1994 Cairo accord, the cornerstones of the historic Oslo agreement under which Israel and the PLO finally ended their conflict.

It is a pivotal moment. If the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act is not renewed, supporters argue, economic conditions in Gaza and Jericho will worsen and radicalism will flourish, thereby threatening the spirit of Oslo and the integrity of Arafat's PNA.

Critics, mainly diehard opponents of the current peace process, want the legislation to die. In their view, further U.S. funds should not be provided because the PNA has repeatedly violated the DoP.

It's clear where the Israeli government stands. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, backed by the Clinton administration, believes that the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act — which officially expires on June 30 unless otherwise extended — is crucial to the success of the Oslo accord.

Stripped of its partisan passions, the debate over renewal comes down to one overarching question: Has the PNA been faithful to the DoP?

Or, for that matter, has Israel?

Even the most ardent Israeli advocates of the Oslo agreement are not completely satisfied with the PNA's performance so far. "I am greatly displeased with the way the Palestinians are implementing the accord," Yossi Sarid, a cabinet minister, said recently.

But on balance, Israel is generally satisfied with the level of PNA compliance, a position echoed by Israel's ambassador to the United States and Rabin's confidant, Itamar Rabinovich. As he put it: "[The] bottom line is that it is mostly satisfactory. We have our comments, our criticisms, our reservations, but it's very clear to us that the PLO has by and large delivered — albeit with some flaws and shortcomings."

In line with the DoP, and in cooperation with Israel, the PNA has taken steps to establish self-rule and to maintain order. But there have been tremendous problems — caused by factional splits in the Palestinian movement, Arafat's authoritarian style of governing, a moribund economy and, of course, an upsurge in terrorism aimed against Israelis.

Leaving terrorism aside for a moment, the most egregious PLO violation of the DoP has been its failure to amend the Palestine National Covenant.

In a letter to Rabin before the DoP was formally ratified in Washington on Sept. 13, 1993, Arafat pledged to purge the charter of articles which call for Israel's destruction. But nearly two years later, Arafat has yet to convene the Palestine National Council (the parliament of the PLO), which is empowered by a two-thirds majority to alter the charter.

Is Arafat deliberately stalling because he lacks support in the Palestine National Council? There is certainly solid opposition to his relatively conciliatory policies.

Arafat antagonized many Palestinians by making unacceptable concessions to Israel. He agreeed to leave Israeli settlements in place during the interim period. He agreed to defer discussions about Jerusalem and the nature and size of a Palestinian polity. He agreed to turn a blind eye to the right of Palestinian refugees to "return" to their former homes in what is now Israel. By doing so, writes one observer, Mark Rosenblum, the political director of Americans for Peace Now, he broke from the Palestinian national consensus.

Arafat's failure to modify the charter can also be ascribed to his analysis that Israel has failed to comply with key provisions of the DoP. Due to the spate of terrorism in Israel and the territories — a carnage that has claimed the lives of about 130 civilians and soldiers since September 1993 — Rabin has delayed Palestinian elections in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. And much to the PNA's disappointment, he has not deployed Israeli forces there. July 1 is now the latest target date for expanding Palestinian autonomy.

Furthermore, Arafat is bitter over the expansion of Jewish settlements in the territories and the breakneck pace of Israeli construction in East Jerusalem, which was annexed by Israel in 1967. As well, he is upset by Israel's decision to freeze the scheduled release of upwards of 6,000 Palestinian prisoners and to delay the opening of the "safe passage" route between Gaza and Jericho.

But since the April 9 attacks in the heart of Gaza which killed seven Israeli soldiers and an American Jewish tourist, the PNA has been more resolute. There have been widespread arrests and, in summary trials, some 20 Palestinians accused of terrorism and sedition have been slapped with prison sentences. (Many detainees, though, have been released).

Arafat's get-tough policy has encouraged Israel. But Rabin realizes that Arafat has only so much manoeuverability. If he acts too resolutely, he risks antagonizing Palestinians who sympathize with Muslim fundamentalists and touching off a civil war. Yet if he coddles the forces of terrorism, which pose a strategic threat to the peace process, Rabin may have no alternative but to freeze negotiations with the PLO — with all the attendant consequences — and to rely on closures to keep Palestinian workers out of Israel.

The closures have had a devastating effect on the struggling Palestinian economy, costing the PNA about $2 million a day in losses. The Israeli government is painfully aware that this situation plays directly into the hands of Palestinian rejectionists. Gen. Amnon Shahak, Israel's chief of staff, has warned that continued closures may heighten despair, strenghten Arafat's foes and unintentionally bring down the PNA.

Members of Israel's cabinet confer with Yasser Arafat, the head of the Palestine National Authority in Gaza and Jericho.

Israel's procrastination is a function of its displeasure with Palestinian terrorism. Indeed, terrorism is the chief thorn in the side of the peace process.

In signing the DoP, the PLO promised to renounce terrorism and to assume responsibility for preventing it. In practice, however, Arafat has not always lived up to his solemn commitments.

PLO promised to prevent terrorism

There have been times when he has remained conspicuously silent in the face of terrorist acts. On other occasions, his subordinates have issued denunciations on his behalf. Only lately, particularly since the Beit Lid incident which claimed the lives of 21 Israelis, has Arafat issued direct and unambigous statements against terrorism.

Arafat, too, has been taken to task for not physically cracking down on terrorism — spearheaded by Islamic fundamentalists linked with Hamas and Islamic Jihad (which oppose the peace process and his leadership of the Palestinian movement).

But as long as the PNA cannot stamp out terrorism (which Israel failed to do in Gaza and still has not achieved in the West Bank), Israel may have no choice but to slam the brakes on the peace process.

Arafat knows what Israel expects of his fledgling administration. Nevertheless, PNA infractions of the DoP accumulate. Not surprisingly, the most serious are related to terrorism. According to Israel's Judge Advocate General, the PNA has not confiscated illegal weapons and explosives and has refused to extradite terrorist suspects.

In matters unrelated to terrorism, the PLO has violated the DoP by opening institutions in East Jerusalem — which it claims as its future capital — rather than in the autonomous areas, according to Peace Watch.

Despite these violations, Israel is not only inclined to press ahead with the peace process, since there is no viable alternative, but to solicit international funding for the PNA.

Israel proceeds from the assumption that the uninterrupted flow of aid to the PNA is in its own vested interest. If the PLO fails, Hamas — the main standard-bearer of Islamic fundamentalism — will be waiting in the wings to supplant Arafat. This is Israel's greatest fear and the imperative which drives its policy today. It is also the underlying reason for Israel's patience with PLO violations of the DoP.

Jewish World
By Sheldon Kirshner

Ukrainians and Jews

Newly independent Ukraine, with a Jewish population of about 500,000, has thrown its support behind the Jewish cultural and religious revival there and forged cordial ties with Israel.

But, as a new documentary from Ukraine reminds us, the past intrudes on the present, casting "a dark shadow" on Jewish-Ukrainian relations.

The film, *And A New Day Will Come*, is directed by Roman Shyrman, a 42-year-old Jew from Kiev. It was made for the National Cinemateque of Ukraine, mainly in response to a CBS TV segment on *Sixty Minutes* which left the impression that anti-Semitism is on the rise in Ukraine. I saw the English-language version, narrated by Taras Hunczak of Rutgers University.

According to the *Ukrainian Weekly*, a Jersey City, N.J. newspaper published by the Ukrainian National Association, *And A New Day Will Come* is "a masterful documentary."

But does it really deserve this fulsome compliment? Before going any further, let it be said that it is well-intentioned. Shyrman and his associates obviously want to improve a relationship that is marred by mutual suspicion and hostility.

But if that is ever to happen, both sides will have to conveniently forget the indignities and blood-letting of the past, which, to put it bluntly, is unlikely.

Bogdan Khmelnitsky (1595-1657), a revered figure in Ukrainian history, is one compelling reason why these relations are so emotionally divisive. To Ukrainians, he is a hero in the uprising against the Polish oligarchy. But to Jews, he is a diabolical pogromist who cut a swath of death and destruction across the Jewish community.

In the film, the narrator rhetorically asks: "Why did Khmelnitsky's Cossacks murder Jews? For the crucifixion of Christ? For the disrespect shown Ukrainians...? For [their]loyal service to Polish rulers...?"

The last question is legitimate, since Polish landlords employed Jewish rent collectors. But to imply that Jews killed Christ or displayed arrogance toward Ukrainians is not only inaccurate but calumnious.

It is further suggested, by a Ukrainian intellectual named Myroslav Marynovych, that the eradication of the stereotype of the Jew as a "money lender" is contingent on the disappearance of the stereotype of Khmelnitsky as a murderer.

Is Marynovych insinuating that Ukrainian anti-Semitic attitudes are understandable if Jews do not drop their negative view of Khmelnitsky?

Regrettably, *And A New Day Will Come* glosses over two crucial periods — the pogroms in Ukraine in 1919 and 1920 that unfolded under the nose of Ukrainian leader Symon Petlura, and the collaboration of certain Ukrainian nationalists with Nazi Germany.

Clearly, the crimes of former years cannot be reduced to a few pat words. And a dramatic improvement in Jewish-Ukrainian relations will remain elusive until both sides face the past unflinchingly.

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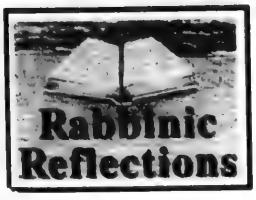

By
RABBI HOWARD S. JOSEPH

After the event we call the Akedah, the binding but not the killing of Isaac on the altar, God reiterates the promise to Abraham that his descendants will be as the stars; but he adds that they will be as the sands on the seashore.

What human disposition is linked to the sand on the seashore? Rabbi Naphtali Zvi Yehudah Berlin explains that sand symbolizes strength. After all, the waves batter the seashore and are broken by it. The sand, despite its tiny grains, succeeds in holding back the mighty sea. The seashore is a barrier which stands heroically against a constant and powerful force.

For Rabbi Berlin, this foreshadows Jewish history. Our people, despite our numbers, will always be a minority vis-a-vis the nations of the world. We will maintain our integrity and not be swept away by them.

In Kabbalah, Isaac is linked to *gevura* (strength). This suggests that in addition to being a national symbol, the sand, like the stars, has individual meaning for us. But it is not the strength developed at the health club weight room.

Our rabbis teach: Who is mighty? Who is a hero? The one who conquers desire. Thus, discipline is at issue: holding back the powerful waves that batter us internally, the desires and emotions that threaten to destroy us and many around us. Self-control makes one into a hero.

Isaac turns out to be the quietest of the ancestors, seemingly passive. After the Akedah experience, not much can excite or agitate him. But there is a gap in the Torah text. Nothing is mentioned about Isaac's reaction to this experience. We must use our imagination to understand more about Isaac.

Isaac must have been in a state of great tension. Before the benign conclusion to the story, he was surely anxious and fearful. He did not know until the last moment that he was to be the intended sacrifice. He had cause to feel anger, hurt and betrayal. All this was mixed with some sense of ecstasy and inspiration, for now God's blessing was upon him. Isaac must have been a very confused young man.

We can also imagine that if this had happened today, Isaac would hire a good lawyer and sue his parents for abuse. Or he might just endlessly vent his anger upon society through random violent acts. After all, he was a victim. He had been abused and now had the right to abuse in return. Today nobody seems responsible for their actions. If they plead victimization or blame someone else, they believe they are excused for their violent acts. An allegedly victimized wife can mutilate her husband; allegedly abused children can murder their parents and inherit their millions. Society seems plagued by a bizarre sympathy with real or alleged victims of abuse and their violent reactions. This is one of the most frightening aspects of contemporary life, as the cycle of violence increases and we become more afraid to walk the streets of our cities.

Isaac is the symbol of strength and discipline. He becomes Isaac, our father, because he suffered and was able to maintain control over himself. This is what a midrash suggests when it says that Isaac brought suffering into the world. Surely others had suffered before him. However, he suffered and did not let his human dignity suffer. He did not lash out in angry violence against the world.

This is an important theme in the Torah. Numerous times we are reminded: you were strangers in Egypt; therefore, you know the soul of the stranger. Do not mistreat them. You were slaves in Egypt; therefore, do not enslave anyone else. On the contrary, you should be more sensitive to these situations. When you see suffering, illness and violence try to act in a helpful manner. Do not stand idly by nor walk away. Do not be angry with the world. Elie Wiesel once said that to be a Jew is to have all the reason in the world to hate and destroy and yet not to do so, but rather to affirm life, respect and goodness.

We are all victims of life. We have been abused by illness and infirmity, disappointment and death. To live is to be unavoidably abused. To live is to not be filled with destructive anger. This is not always easy or comfortable or pleasant. But a good life requires discipline and sacrifice. It requires akedah, seeing ourselves on the altar and still choosing life.

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Students study the Holocaust

By **MOURA WOLPERT**
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — In the discussion sessions that concluded the second annual student seminar on the Holocaust, the participants said they had learned a lesson they would not soon forget.

"I've been learning about the Holocaust since Grade 7, but today I think I learned more than in all those years," wrote one student.

Close to 400 grade 11, 12 and OAC students, who packed the auditorium in the Burke Science Building of McMaster University, listened silently to keynote speaker Dr. Leon Bass, as he told of his anger at the racism he experienced as a young black soldier in the American forces during World War II and his shock at the sight that greeted his platoon when they entered Buchenwald.

Many students wept when Bass described what he saw, saying the inmates were "Jews and Gypsies and Catholics, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses and the handicapped ... placed there by the Nazis because none of them were fit to live."

His "blinders came off" and he knew then, he said, that his own suffering was nothing compared to "the face of evil" seen at Buchenwald.

Buchenwald survivor, Romanian-born Maurice Kaufman, thanked Dr. Bass for having liberated him. And Polish survivor Sam Szpirglas made an unscheduled appearance before the microphone to confirm everything Bass had said about Buchenwald. "I know," said Szpirglas, "because I was there."

The seminar was sponsored jointly by the Hamilton Board of Education; the Hamilton-Wentworth Roman Catholic Board of Education; the Wentworth Board of Education; McMaster University, Department of History and United Jewish Appeal/Jewish Federation of Hamilton-Wentworth & Area.

WISDOM OF THE AGES

It's a burden to carry, but a pity to throw away

Canadian Jews have come a long way

By IRVING ABELLA

Being a Jew in Canada today is being able to celebrate and freely participate in all of this country's wonderful possibilities. Canada is today a generous country, far different from the benighted, xenophobic, anti-Semitic country it was a generation or two ago, when Jews were excluded from every sector of Canadian society and were even excluded from the country itself by a government and a people who felt there were already too many Jews.

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This is an enormous country with a tiny Jewish population. And as it is for all Canadians, Jewish life is influenced by the vastness of the land. If Jews suffer from an excess of history, then Canadians suffer from an excess of geography — and Canadian Jews suffer from both. We are the world's largest small nation. That sense of smallness and the immensity of the country may well have contributed to a sense of insecurity and marginality that has dominated the Canadian Jewish community for too much of its history in this century.

But thankfully, that feeling of insecurity and marginality is long gone. We are now a confident, articulate community, an example that multiculturalism works. And if it works for us, it can work for others.

Multiculturalism is a wonderful policy. And I say that as a Canadian historian and, of course, as your very immediate past president of Canadian Jewish Congress. It is innovative; it has enhanced our self-image; it has proven a life-saver to many communities; it has created pride where there had once only been pain, comfort where there was once only contempt; and it has given Canadians a sense of uniqueness.

What makes Canada unique is our pluralist culture. The Canadian mosaic is our national cliche; it is our single most important national characteristic ... What makes Canada so special is the unwritten compact that bigotry will not be condoned, that instead of abusing one another we can always talk out our problems and sometimes even our prejudices ...

Together we have built a Canada whose watchwords are decency and civility and whose goals are equity and equality. We have become a model for nations throughout the world, and if we are not, we should be. We are today a nation that celebrates differences, that tries, often clumsily but nevertheless with determination, to accommodate as many diversities as possible.

As a people, we are not afraid to talk openly and incessantly about our failings; indeed, perhaps we spend too much time running ourselves down. But that too is a Canada characteristic. We are, somebody once said, a country full of solutions looking for problems. But that too is a strength rather than a weakness ...

Quite frankly, this is not an easy time to be in the human-rights business. Trying economic times do not encourage generosity of spirit and we are confronting on a worldwide stage increasing intolerance. There is a tribalism abroad which frightens me and ought to frighten you. We Jews who have grown up in the shadow of the Holocaust have extra-sensitive antennae, and mine are now waving frantically.

And, of course, the latest manifestation of intolerance is the frightening backlash against multiculturalism and affirmative-action programs. In the United States and to a lesser extent in Canada, the great equity programs and legislation of the past 25 years are under attack and are being rolled back. There is a mean-spiritedness abroad that is scary because it is so raw and so blatant. The traditional victims — women, visible minorities, immigrants, refugees and, yes, Jews — have become the victimizers according to the new peddlers of intolerance.

And we at Canadian Jewish Congress ought to be in the forefront combating this new and frightening intolerance. We cannot accept the views of some that we ought to be more parochial and self-centred, that we ought not concern ourselves with the problems of others.

Because of our history, we Jews have much to offer others. Is there a people more knowledgeable about being refugees? Have we not wandered the face of the earth for centuries? And what people over the years has been so often, for so long and in so many places oppressed and discriminated against, who knows better than we do how to fight evil, to overcome injustice and to struggle for equality?

As Jews, we have an obligation to set the tone of the debate in this country and to be its conscience. We are only a Jewish community if we behave like one.

Today, we Jews in Canada worry more about rates of assimilation rather than rates of anti-Semitism. Our greatest concern is for our children. Will they remain Jewish? Will our community survive into the next century as strongly as it seems to be leaving this? Are the very seeds of our destruction implanted in our success? Can Jewishness in Canada survive freedom? Can it survive an open, tolerant, multicultural society?

It is our task at Canadian Jewish Congress and as leaders of the Jewish community to change the focus in Jewish society on survival as a substitute for content. Above all else, we must show our coming generation that being Jewish is a benefit, not a burden, a reward as well as a responsibility.

In Canada, North American Jews are confronted by a classic paradox of a pluralistic society. We desperately want to fully integrate into a society which until recently we were not allowed to; yet, we know that by doing so we may not be able to maintain ourselves as a unique, vibrant identifiable community.

The challenges facing Canadian Jewry are formidable. But we are a formidable people.

(Excerpts from Prof. Abella's address to delegates at the CJC Plenary meeting in Montreal May 14, 1995)

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Associated redevelopment plans get 'green light'

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The seven-year effort to redevelop the Neptune location of Associated Hebrew Schools appears to have born fruit.

The Ontario Ministry of Housing, under its jobsOntario Homes program, has recently approved a proposal for a community housing project for the elderly and those with disabilities on the site.

The Neptune Associated branch will be torn down, to be replaced by a new school for up to 300 preschool and elementary students. The new facility will include a full gymnasium/auditorium, a library and an arts/computer room.

It is scheduled to open by September 1997.

The school has accepted in principle an offer to sell the land for the community housing project to the United Food and Commercial Workers, who have received an allocation under jobs Ontario Homes to construct the 100 unit residence.

The team who hammered out the project included representatives from Associated Hebrew Schools; Baycrest Centre; the Clarendon Foundation, which provides attendant care services for the physically challenged; the Kehilla Residential Program, a non-profit housing agency which develops and manages community housing for the Jewish community; and the Reena Foundation, which provides services to the developmentally challenged.

The changes will demand considerable shuffling for Associated students, staff, administration and parents.

At the end of this school year, the Neptune campus will close, and the students will move temporarily to a renovated Hurwich Centre on Finch. The Danilack Centre, Leslie campus, will be renovated to house the administrative offices.

Teaching and senior supervisory staff will also be moved around, to better serve the new student bodies and to ensure continuity between the different branches, according to a recent letter sent to school parents.

Lawyer Marc Koplowitz is a spokesperson for a group of parents who have some concerns about the whole project.

For one thing, the project is dependent on government funding for the assisted housing units. "We are coming to an election, and any government other than an NDP one could review the entire project."

School president Sheldon Goodman acknowledged that the concern is legitimate, but said that "The management committee and board are responsible entities. If the plans change for whatever reason, the changes will be re-evaluated at that time."

While "we have confidence that the people on the board and management committee are well meaning," Koplowitz said, the parents have been dissatisfied with the amount of communication from the school.

He noted that since this concern was expressed at a meeting last month, the situation has improved.

The parents also want to ensure that the transition to the other branches and then back again will be as "non-intrusive as possible," suggesting, for instance, keeping classes together.

Goodman said that everyone wants the process to be as easy as possible, and every effort is being made to make it so.

Koplowitz, who has recently been co-opted to the Associated board, said that "We are resigned for the time being to hoping for the best."

Hamilton JNF honors Steinberg

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — The hardest thing he'd ever done, confessed David Steinberg to appreciative laughter, "was being president of the shul."

That was 1968 and the shul was Beth Jacob Synagogue where Steinberg began the community involvement that culminated with his being honored at the recent Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Tribute Dinner.

Some 350 guests attended the dinner at Adas Israel Synagogue where Steinberg, 57, was praised for his many accomplishments and his dedicated service to the community.

A Hamiltonian, Steinberg is a senior judge for five family court centres. He has been credited by a colleague with being "the father of family law in Ontario" as a result of his contribution to the Federal Law Reform Commission, Family Law Project.

A former Hamilton United Jewish Appeal campaign chair and United Israel Appeal (UIA) Ontario region past chair, he is currently serving a second year as federation president.

Steinberg told of growing up in a warm and close-knit family with "a strong history of service" to the Jewish community; of his grandparents, Ethel and Max Walters, and great-grandparents, Hannah and Israel Steinberg, who were founding members of Ohav Tsedek congregation; of his mother, Sophie, and late father, Sam, both active volunteers. He paid tribute to his wife, the former Cele Fox of London, Ont.

"In the final analysis," said Steinberg, "those who work in the synagogue, federation, on the [UJA] campaign, do so to maintain the continuity of our tradition."

He was pleased, he said, that his children — daughters Ellen Holland and Tima, and son-in-law Laury — "are carrying on the tradition of tzedakah."

Close friends and fellow lawyers Milt Lewis and 1993 Negev honoree Gerald Swaye made the official presentation. Hamilton West MP Stan Keyes, Ontario minister of housing Richard Allen, alderman Marvin Caplan representing Mayor Bob Morrow, regional chair Terry Cooke and federation president-elect Judge George Czutrin brought greetings.

Deputy Consul General Haim Waxman spoke briefly on the challenges still facing Israel, and JNF Canada executive vice-president, Avner Regev, made a special presentation to Keren Kayemeth representative Yoram Gordon who returns to Israel this summer after three years in Hamilton.

"Last year was the best ever," said Hamilton JNF president Sharon Marcovitz Hart before presenting the Bernard M. Bloomfield Medal for outstanding service to longtime volunteer Al Cohen. Dinner chair was William Morris.

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Senator says men unfairly blamed for violence

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The issue of domestic violence has deteriorated into a "politically correct" attack on men, which views them as "innate progenitors of violence," against a wife who is always "passive, an innocent victim," charges Senator Anne Cools.

Cools was speaking as part of a recent seminar on family violence sponsored by Na'amat Toronto.

She said abuse should be seen as a "physical expression of aggression" which is perpetrated just as often by women as by men.

She quoted a chilling series of statistics showing, among other things: mothers are responsible for 63 per cent of child deaths; in 64 per cent of child abuse cases in Iowa, the abuser was the biological mother; men and women perpetrate violence equally.

"The emphasis on violence against women instead of on violence in the family implies the moral inferiority of men," said Cools. This "produces theories and policies so fatally flawed that they are likely to create only more problems."

A member of the audience said Cool's analysis ignored the fact that women, especially in single parent families, suffer disproportionally from poverty, overwork and extreme stress.

Cool replied that women in that situation "were not likely to abuse their children. It's young kids who choose to have babies, choose to be supported by the public purse and then choose to have more babies."

Another audience member asked whether the glorification of the military in Israel had led to the escalation of family violence there. Cool said the military ethos there comes from stark necessity.

Sharon Shenhav, director of legal services for Na'amat in Jerusalem, agreed that violence "is a family problem, not a male/female or a feminist problem."

Those who abuse, she said, "need to control. They have to have all the power. Those who don't let them, get punished."

To stop the cycle of violence, she said, family violence must be seen as a crime by the police, the justice system and family members themselves.

Counselling and therapy are essential, she said, noting that a new shelter being built by Na'amat in Tel Aviv has extensive facilities for that purpose.

There is, however, the danger that "men will stop physical abuse but will turn to emotional abuse instead. And that's a harder thing to bring to the courts."

A new civil protection order is available in Israel, through which a woman can go to the home of a judge, "even in the middle of the night." If she can show she is in danger, she can get the abuser out of the house.

Shelters, she said, are important, but "if the woman must leave her home and take the children away from school, who has won? The victim is being punished."

The new centre, she said, is being built in an upper middle class area "so that it is seen that [being battered] is not a stigma. The victim is not a criminal."

Family law lawyer Albert Weisbrot explained that his responsibility is to help his client in such matters as child custody, support and the matrimonial home. "I can't worry that the husband needs therapy. My job is not to be a mediator," he said.

He noted that the Ontario court system says violence between spouses is not relevant to custody or money issues.

CFRB talk-show host Andy Barrie moderated the seminar.

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From coast to coast

Older women having more premature babies

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Well-off older women are giving birth to an increasing number of premature babies, skewing the demographics away from the poverty-stricken teen mothers of the past, a neonatologist at the Hospital for Sick Children said recently.

Dr. Jonathan Hillman said these older women, many over 35, are using reproductive technologies to conceive, resulting in multiple pregnancies with their attendant risk of premature birth.

"This is the flip side of progress," he said.

Hillman was speaking at a public forum on premature births at Beth Tzedec Synagogue sponsored by the Toronto New Leadership Division of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation.

Though there have been advances in saving the lives of tiny prematures, Hillman said it is a "mixed blessing" since there is a higher incidence of later problems.

The latest medical evidence is that 24 weeks is the earliest at which it is practical to save prematures, he said.

"There is clear evidence that there will be learning disabilities if they (prematures) are very small," said Dr. Arne Ohlsson, a staff neonatologist at Women's College Hospital.

If all pregnant women stopped smoking it would lead to a 15 per cent reduction in premature births, Ohlsson said.

Advances in neonatal care at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem have resulted in only seven fatalities in 1,000 premature births, said forum moderator Dr. Michael Wilschanski, a Shaare Zedek pediatrician completing his fellowship at the Hospital for Sick Children.

There is now a 50 per cent chance of survival in that hospital for premature babies who are born weighing under 700 grams (1 lb. 7 oz.), Wilschanski said.

Women take part in bnot mitzvah

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — At a recent Shabbat service at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 12 women achieved a dream they have had for most of their lives.

After more than six months of studying with Cantor Martin Rosenblum, spiritual leader of the synagogue, the women, some seniors, were called to the Torah as bnot mitzvah.

Shae Eckler, who turned 66 years old in the winter, and whose husband had his bar mitzvah at Adath Sholom only 16 years ago, said the "bat mitzvah was a perfect way to commemorate my birthday. My family is very proud."

Vicki Rumack, originally from Calgary, says that "finally, all my years of cheder paid off. My son wanted to know how many children have the privilege of watching their mother become a bat mitzvah."

Studied with cantor

The women said that they originally approached Rosenblum with the idea of having a bnot mitzvah service when the men had their group bat mitzvah 16 years ago.

They studied with the cantor once a week and they agreed that learning to chant was the most challenging part of the process.

Rosenblum said that he was "delighted and proud to be part of the ceremony. It was a joyous and proud occasion in the lives of women who were never given the opportunity to celebrate this spiritually rewarding and unique Jewish ritual.

"The joyous occasion was shared by their families and friends, the congregation and by the Jewish community. I hope that this is the start of many women coming forward and being fulfilled as bnot mitzvah collectively and individually."

The other bnot mitvah were Miriam Breslow, Helen Batcher, Norma Gelade, Bunnie Bross, Carol Kreidstein, Carol Modlin, Marilyn Rosenblum, Helen Sieber, Pam Weber and Sophie Dunkelman.

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From coast to coast

Moroccan chef recalled fondly

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jacques Perez, chef for more than 20 years at Camp Northland-B'nai Brith and Maple Lake Resort and a founding member of Toronto's Sephardi community, died April 27 of cancer. He was 68.

Perez, who was born in Morocco, trained at the famed Cordon Bleu cooking school in Paris before coming to Toronto with his family in 1958.

"He loved his food and his children with equal dedication," said daughter Michelle Perez.

That dedication extended to the teen campers and kitchen staff at the Haliburton, Ont., camp, where Perez worked from 1965 until 1983.

Perez later became executive chef at Maple Lake Resort in Parry Sound, Ont., after closing his Toronto restaurant Always, in the Bathurst-Eglinton area. He retired in 1992.

Perez was a founding member of the Ontario Sephardic Association and taught cuisine at George Brown College. He belonged to Magen David Congregation.

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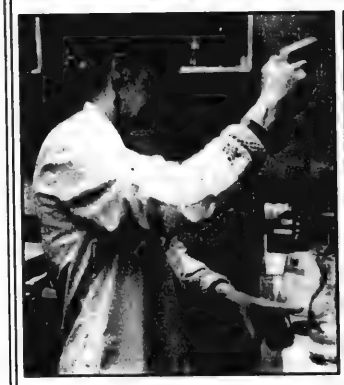

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Thursday, June 8

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Monday June 12

DIABETES RESEARCH

Advances in Diabetes Research is the topic **Dr. Kenneth Gorman** will discuss at the Canadian Diabetes Association Jewish Diabetes chapter meeting, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Esther Schwartz** 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt** 225-1989.

JOY OF LEARNING

Women's Institute of Torah Study lectures for women only at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue — Forfeiting Our Free Choice — Hardening the Heart of Pharoh, **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, 10-11 a.m.; The Cosmic Influence of Menorah Lights, **Chana Weisberg**, 8-9 p.m.; Separation of the Sexes During Prayer, **Faigie Itkin**, Chabad of Hamilton, 9-10 p.m. 905-881-2012.

Tuesday June 13

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Toronto ORT Women of Achievement lecture series concludes with **Shira Herzog**, expert on Canadian Middle East policy and Arab-Israeli conflict 7:30 p.m. 21 McGill St. RSVP 787-0297.

COMMEMORATION

Forestdale Heights Lodge B'nai Brith Canada Holocaust commemoration 8:30 p.m., B'nai Brith House, 15 Hove St., features **Ibi Grossman**, author of *An Ordinary Woman in Extraordinary Times*.

CAFIP MEETING

Canadian Association for Israel

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What's New

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Philately elections for 1995/97 executive plus slide presentation from Society of Israel Philatelist, The Turkish Post offices in Palestine, Part I, 7:30 p.m. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Stanley Davis** 223-6373 after 6 p.m. or 635-1749 anytime.

Wednesday, June 14

MUSICAL LEGACY AWARD

Temple Sinai's Musical Legacy Award presentation takes place at a concert by the winner, clarinetist **Shalom Bard**, 8 p.m.

SHOW, SHARE, KVELL

Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles topic is Show, Share and Kvell, 8 p.m. Holy Blossom Temple. Bring Judaica.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League-Vaughan presents There's a New Baby in Your House, 8 p.m., 85 Inverlochy, No. 10, Thornhill. **Joyce** 905-881-8779 or **Robin** 905-886-8364.

Thursday, June 15

NIGHT OF 1000 STARS

Night of a Thousand Stars, Beit Halochem Canada (Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel) live auction to raise funds to help equip four rehabilitation centres across Israel, features dates with single bachelors and bachelorettes, 25-65, mystery celebrity bachelor, silent auction, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m., Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. $40 in advance, $45 at door (tax receipt for portion) 488-7649 or 1-800-355-1648 outside of Toronto.

And What Else Is New...

LEARNING EXCHANGE

Lectures at Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd.— Are Marriages Made in Heaven?, **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**, Sunday, June 11, 9:30-10:30 a.m., and Am I My Brother's Keeper? Responsibility and Rebuke, **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, Tuesday, June 13, 8-9 p.m. 483-0883.

AT AISH HATORAH

The Ten Commandments of Highly Effective Living, Mondays, June 12-26, **Rabbi Mitch Mandel, Dr. Michael Kirzner** and **Dr. Alex Pister**, Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Promenade Mall, Suite 303.

Barbecues, Beaches, Baseball and Bereshis, Session II — Baseball, **Rabbi Yosef Michalowitz**, Tuesday, June 13, the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W., and Wednesday, June 14, Aish HaTorah Thornhill.

The film *Quiz Show*, followed by discussion, Tuesday, June 13, Aish HaTorah Thornhill.

Call 636-7530 for all programs.

RETREAT CANCELLED

The weekend retreat scheduled by Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue and Kehillot Shaarei Torah June 23-25 has been cancelled.

HAVURAH COMMITTEE

National Havurah Committee Canadian/American Retreat, June 9-11, Buffalo Jewish Community Centre's Camp Lakeland, near Olean, N.Y., welcomes all ages and all branches of Judaism from Western New York State, Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Southern Ontario. Toronto 422-1266; Hamilton 905-524-2687.

CAMP KVUTZA REUNION

All former members of Habonim and Camp Kvutza alumni (1950s and '60s) are invited to Camp Kvutza reunion Saturday, August 12, Le P'tit Bonheur, Lac Carre, Que. **Shara Rosen** 514-735-1794.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — Positive Parenting (call about Parenting the Young Child, Living with Teens, Single Parenting); For Women Only (self-esteem, stress management, interpersonal relationships (begins June 8); Widows/Widowers (coping with grief, living alone, changing relationships, begins June 12). Call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

Bloor JCC Good Age Club video presentation *The Time of Your Life* and discussion with artist **Tutzi Haspel-Seguin**, Thursday, June 8, 2 p.m. 924-6211.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club — Buffalo June 13, cruise, kosher lunch, morning shopping; Stratford Sept. 27 *The Boyfriend* and Oct. 25 *The Gondoliers*. Call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). June 12 is Who Wrote the Bible?, introduction by **Avner Meir** followed by movie on the subject. 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dances, June 10, 17, 24, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dance June 25, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; movie *Silk Stockings* Wednesday, June 21, 2 p.m.; Kitchener June 21; Cullen Gardens, Whitby, June 29; Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls, July 6; Catskills Raleigh Hotel July 24-30. 395-7881.

LZA Seniors Club — *Harvey* at Stage West, Wednesday, June 21; Catskills Pines Hotel July 27-August 6; *The Gondoliers* at Stratford Sept. 6. **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. at Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Luncheon meeting Wednesday, June 14, 11:30 a.m.

Young at Heart Seniors 10-day trip to Catskills kosher Pines Hotel, July 14-23, everything included but medical according to age, partners available, $1,020 Canadian (if exchange goes up, so does price). **Helen** 635-6343.

CREATIVE LIVING CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents Healthy Cooking with dietician/nutritionist **Sharon Zeller**, Tuesday, June 13, 1:30 p.m. Register at Wellness Desk.

Father's Day party Wednesday, June 14, 1:30 p.m. with entertainment by **Jennie Eisenstein** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**. Tickets at Information Desk.

Movie *Young at Heart*, Sunday, June 11, 2:30 p.m.

Etrog Israeli cultural club meets Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. **Anna** 225-2112.

at the JCC/BJC

Bloor JCC has spaces left in summer day camps, ages 3-12. **Cara** 924-6211.

New at Bloor JCC — Acting programs for teens with **Miriam Laurence**, ages 13-15 (10 half days) July 17-26; 16 and up (evenings) July 10-August 3. 924-6211.

JERUSALEM AWARD

From left, Canadian Zionist Federation national president Kurt Rothschild last week presented the CZF's annual Jerusalem Award to North York Mayor Mel Lastman, while Markham Mayor Don Cousens received the award from CZF member David Rotenberg. Looking on is Dror Zeigerman, Israel's consul general in Toronto. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

ICRF BARBECUE

Israel Cancer Research Fund Young Associates plan an Island Bash summer barbecue party at Valley Tennis and Swim Club, 7015 Leslie St., Saturday, June 10, 8 p.m. From left are Lisa Matthews, Mark Wolfstadt, Nancy Mindel, David Serraf and Tracy Marcow. For tickets, ICRF 487-5246.

NIGHT OF A THOUSAND STARS

Charting the course in preparation for Night of a Thousand Stars are (seated from left) committee members Sharon Bizouati, Rosanne Waldman and co-chair Roberta Piudwinski, and (standing from left) Eliot Sargon and Shalla Gottlieb. The event will take place on June 15 at the Wagman Centre.

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From coast to coast

Bonds cancels meeting featuring disbarred lawyer

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — State of Israel Bonds has cancelled a June 20 breakfast that was to have featured Julius Melnitzer as guest speaker.

Melnitzer is a disbarred London, Ont. lawyer who was jailed for defrauding banks and individuals of some $80 million. He was to have spoken on Jailhouse Jews, Brothers in Isolation.

The meeting was planned by Bonds' lawyers' division.

But it was cancelled last Thursday after "several" calls and letters of protests were received, said division account executive Jacques Vogler.

In the end, "we didn't feel right about it," Vogler said.

Upon learning that Melnitzer was going to address the meeting, former division chair Bert Raphael fired off an angry letter to Bonds executive director Larry Waller, saying he was "shocked and appalled," and he urged the breakfast be cancelled.

"I find it unbelievable that you would select Mr. Melnitzer as a speaker," Raphael wrote.

He later told *The CJN* he was glad the breakfast was cancelled.

David Salomon, co-chair of the lawyer's division, told *The CJN* Melnitzer was chosen because "he was seen as an interesting speaker, and people would attend."

Once a star criminal lawyer, Melnitzer, 47, pleaded guilty in December 1991 to 43 counts of fraud, forgery and attempted fraud relating to transactions which swindled Canadian banks and financial institutions out of $67 million.

The charges included attempts to bilk another $33 million, as well as forging stock certificates with a value of more than $1 billion.

He also admitted to defrauding his former law partners, business associates and friends of $14.7 million in a phony land deal. In all, it was one of the largest fraud cases in Canadian history.

Melnitzer was sentenced to nine years in jail, was disbarred and declared bankrupt. He was released last year, owing an estimated $20 million in compensation to his victims.

JOINT SHABBATON

A unique joint school Shabbaton was held between United Synagogue Day School in Toronto and Solomon Schecter Academy in Montreal at Camp Reena in Ontario. Together with teachers from the schools, and counsellors from Ramah, USY and Koach, almost 100 Grade 6 students had an opportunity to experience the meaning of Shabbat. Seen at the Havdalah ceremony are (from left) Shira Goldberg, Ami Sabari, Sabreena Peters and Joanna Lazier.

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

***GAMES Jewish Singles Play! Sunday, June 18, 7:30 p.m.,** Beth Torah, 47 Glenbrook. Ages 26-40, 41-69. ***Bridge, Chutzpah, Trivial Pursuit, Scrabble, etc., Early Bird Bingo.** 7:30-8:00 p.m. Prizes. $5. **48 couples have already met. Free Introductions!** Mollie, 733-3634.

A Mystical Lunch Workshop: The Thirteen Levels of Love According to Kabbalah by Rabbi Yitzchak Ginsburgh, Sunday, June 11, noon to 3:00, Glaat Kosher, $25.00. Hosted by Anshei Minsk Synagogue, 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market, 588-8512.

AYJA's kick-off to summer, June 11, 1995, at **Joe Grinders,** 5075 Yonge Street, North York, 8:00 pm, cover $10. Proceeds to JF & CS. **Info 760-4149.**

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People Without Partners. A social group is being formed for professional business people 45-65 years of age. Events planned are dinners, theatres, dinners, outings, fun events, etc. Interested people please call (905) 886-6280 & (905) 793-9790.

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Tickets: $40 in advance; $45 at the door. All proceeds to fund equipment for four rehabilitation centres in Israel. A tax receipt will be given for a portion of the admission cost. Don't miss this exciting event for adults of all ages. For tickets and information call (416) 488-7649 or 1-800-355-1648 outside of Toronto, or fax us your ticket order at 416-322-3957.

From coast to coast

Trust, caring said cure for societal stress

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Skyrocketing levels of stress and dysfunction in families can only be stopped by regaining a sense of community and shared responsibility, the annual meeting of Jewish Family & Child Services (JF&CS) heard last week.

Guest speaker Dr. Paul Steinhauer, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Toronto, enumerated how stress affects modern families, especially children and teens.

A 1989 study found that 18 per cent of children and adolescents in Ontario had at least one diagnosable mental disorder, and of those, only one in six had received treatment, Steinhauer said.

In 1994, a quarter of those aged 15 to 24 had at least one mental disorder, with the suicide rate doubling among those aged 10 to 14 and increasing fourfold in adolescent males, he noted.

The national school dropout rate stands at 18 per cent, with aggressive behavior in students rising, and almost half of all teens reported trouble sleeping because of stress, he added.

That stress, he explained, springs from the many pressures facing modern families: 75 per cent of all families need two incomes; parents spend less time with their children than ever before; the divorce rate is 10 times what it was 50 years ago; and 21 per cent of Canadian children live in poverty.

Society, Steinhauer admonished, must regain "the high levels of shared ideals and trust" which existed just after World War II. "We've lost our sense of trusting and caring."

Children, he said, need a sense of community, security and of seeing adults around them sharing the job of child rearing.

In his remarks, JF&CS executive director Gordon Wolfe noted the "raw and blatant mean-spiritedness around us," especially increasing intolerance toward the poor. "We tend to blame the victim," he said.

Wolfe was presented with a commendation from Michael Kerbel of the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC). For the last four months, Wolfe split his duties between JF&CS and running the BJC on an interim basis.

Wolfe announced that JF&CS last year had a balanced budget.

Michael Brown was confirmed as the new JF&CS president, replacing Garry Foster.

The agency last year served more than 10,000 clients, one-third of them below the poverty line. Those requiring financial assistance increased almost seven per cent in 1994 over the year before, the meeting heard.

JF&CS last year investigated 226 reports of child abuse.

Integrated school aids disabled

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Can young children with physical or mental disabilities manage successfully in a preschool program with their non-disabled peers?

Gan Harmony, a preschool in the Har Nof district of Jerusalem, has shown that not only can the disabled benefit from integration, but the other students excel both in academic development and as mentshen.

So says Joan Shrensky, founder of Gan Harmony, who was in Toronto recently on a North American fundraising tour.

She spoke to *The CJN* before a parlor meeting at the home of lawyer Benjamin Rubin.

The Orthodox school began in 1985 with 14 students and now has 50, with further outreach to 250 students throughout Israel.

Students receive speech, occupational, physio, play, music and art therapies. They range in age from 1½ to six.

Shrensky makes every attempt to mainstream the disabled youngsters into regular schools. "If a school needs a ramp for a child in a wheelchair, if they won't build it, then we will," she said.

Gan Harmony staff works with schools and students "from Kiryat Shemona to Eilat," she said.

The school also has support groups for siblings and parents of disabled children.

Shrensky recently received approval to open a 6,500-sq.ft. integration centre in Jerusalem for disabled and non-disabled children and adults to enjoy social and educational programs together.

Eliyahu Goldberg, a Toronto-born child with Down's syndrome, is the first Gan Harmony student to celebrate a bar mitzvah. He told his guests, "I know G-d loves me. He gave me a voice to sing, and a heart. He created me and gave me life."

For more information, contact Gan Harmony, c/o Dr. R. Erlich, 1746 Bayview Ave., Toronto, M4G 3C4.

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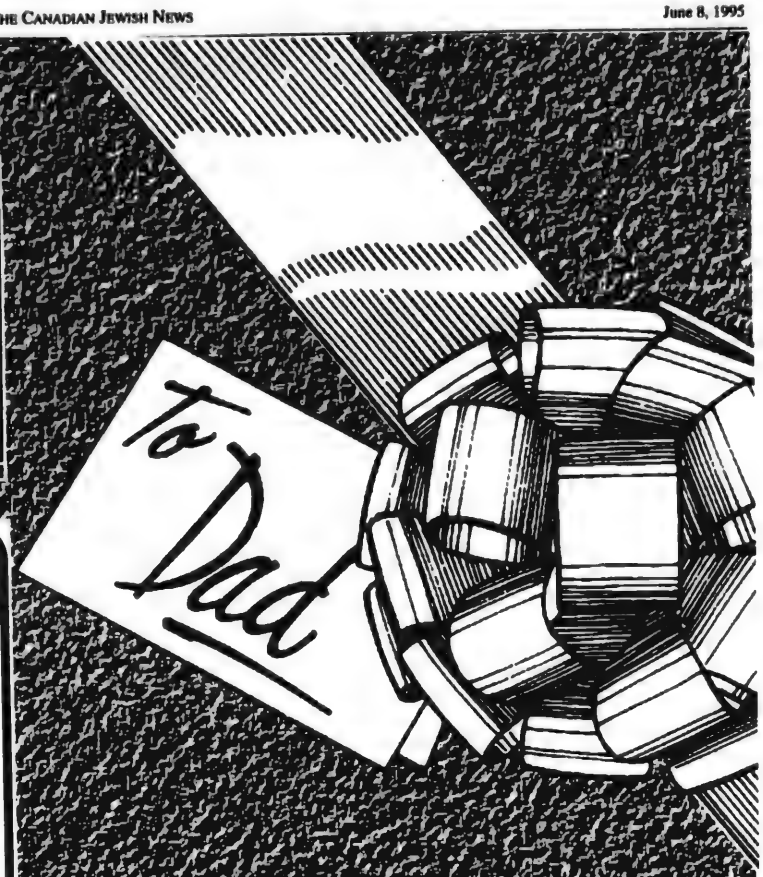

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From coast to coast

Former Canadian ambassador lauds his native Winnipeg

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Allan Gotlieb thinks he has the answer to what makes Winnipeg special and why this city has produced so many talented people.

"The great Russian ballet impressario, Sergei Diaghilev once was asked what makes a city great," Gotlieb said. "His answer was that a great city had an element of astonishment, a sense of excitement. Winnipeg was an exciting city. There was an intellectual intensity to life here, a sense of things happening, as well as a sense of common identity fostered by the cold and the isolation."

The former Canadian ambassador to the United States and his wife, Sondra, both originally from Winnipeg, were the guests at the Shaarey Zedek recently, in the first of a series of talks planned by prominent Jewish Winnipeggers and former residents, co-sponsored by the New Leadership Division, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU) Winnipeg chapter and the Congregation Shaarey Zedek.

While Sondra, an award-winning author and columnist in her own right, reminisced mainly about a happy childhood in Winnipeg's heavily Jewish north end in the 1930s and '40s, her husband had quite a different story to tell.

Allan Gotlieb grew up in south Winnipeg. Today about half of Winnipeg's Jewish population lives in the affluent area. In the 1930s, however, the neighborhood had only a handful of Jewish families, who faced anti-Semitism and isolation.

Gotlieb remembers being told by non-Jewish children that they couldn't play with him because he was Jewish. He recalled abusive phone calls, his books being scribbled on, being made to feel different.

The world he knew was primarily the dozen or so other Jewish children living in south Winnipeg. He said he had only a vague concept of a larger Jewish community in north Winnipeg, where most people were poor.

A turning point in his life came when his mother started a Young Judaea group in the south end and it amalgamated with a north end group.

"I was introduced to the remarkable reality that was Winnipeg," he recalled. "The Jewish community was teaming with intellectual life — most of it of the leftist variety. I was totally entranced and became a passionate Zionist."

He remembered with fondness the cafes and restaurants packed, despite the cold, with young people sitting around and arguing.

"Winnipeg was a multicultural city before multiculturalism was invented," he said. 'Winnipeg was plunged into the world in a way that the eastern industrial cities were not ... Winnipeg became my yardstick for judging other cities."

Anya Makow, executive director of the CFHU Winnipeg chapter, says the lecture series was created because the city has spawned so many people who have achieved in a variety of fields.

Wiesel addresses London audience

By SUSAN MERSKEY
Special to The CJN

LONDON — Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel was the keynote speaker at the annual Bereavement Conference held here last month.

About 1,200 people, including conference delegates and members of the Jewish community, attended Wiesel's public lecture on The Question of Job, listening to him in a rapt silence.

Wiesel reminded his audience that just as Job experienced the death of all the children from his first marriage, so did many Jews during the Holocaust. Job's reactions as a bereaved parent are similar to those today, Wiesel said.

The Children and Bereavement conference was organized by the King's College Centre for Education about Death and Bereavement.

Wiesel said he is uneasy with the ending of Job's story. Although he had a second family, and died "saturated with years," was he really happy?, he asked. How did his second family feel about the siblings who had perished so many years earlier?

Drawing a parallel with the experiences of some "second family" children of Holocaust survivors, he wondered whether any of Job's second family felt guilty that they had lived while the others died, or felt their father regarded them as poor substitutes for their dead siblings.

Wiesel touched briefly on his own wartime experiences. In response to a question, he said his love of study, especially of Torah, gave him the courage to endure, and has continued to do so throughout his life.

Children are the foundation of the world, which cannot survive without them, he said.

John Morgan, head of the Centre for Death and Bereavement Education, said 80 per cent of the children who die in North America die violently. Judaism teaches that we can only be truly ourselves if we live for others, strive to prevent suffering and violent death, and become activists, he said.

Russian Jewish couples to wed at gala affair

At the fourth Gala Wedding on June 13, 10 Jewish couples from Russia will be wed simultaneously by Jewish law.

Denied a Jewish wedding in the former Soviet Union, these couples were previously married only by civil law.

"Everyone in the community is invited to attend this historic and happy occasion," says Rabbi Yoseph Y. Zaltzman, founder and executive director of the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Greater Toronto (JRC), and host of the fourth Gala Wedding.

The event will be held at the Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue, 613 Clark Ave. W,, Thornhill. Media representatives will arrive at 6 p.m. for the *chupah*. More than 2,000 guests will attend the marriage ceremonies, which will be followed by dancing and celebrations.

The JRC is expecting an overflow crowd for the wedding dinner at 7 p.m. featuring a live orchestra, Russian dancers, singing and dancing.

The event is also a fundraiser for the JRC, which provides services and programs to the over 25,000 Russian Jews living in Toronto, who have suffered religious oppression for the last 70 years and now are reconnecting with their roots in Judaism.

The JRC has a synagogue, a library and weekly classes on Jewish and general topics. In addition, to publishing *Exodus*, a monthly Russian newspaper, the JRC sponsors a youth group, a women's group, English classes, children's afternoon school, day care and a host of religious, social and cultural events.

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From coast to coast

Chrétien pledges stiffer hate crime sentences

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to establish the Dan Family Multi-Media Centre at Yad Vashem, which will be housed in the Canada Pavilion of the planned Central School for Holocaust Studies.

Also announced was the creation of the Canadian chair for Holocaust Studies at Yad Vashem, to be awarded to a deserving scholar.

Joining the prime minister were cabinet ministers Herb Gray, Art Eggleton, Sergio Marchi, Allan Rock and David Collenette, and a who's who of the Jewish community.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sent regards via videotape, thanking Chrétien and the Canadian Jewish community for doing "whatever is needed and possible to make sure that a Holocaust will not happen again."

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem chair Joel Dimitry praised the Liberals as "the first government in 50 years to remove war criminals from our midst, no matter how old or ill."

Chrétien spoke solemnly of the Holocaust, telling the audience, "You do not need lessons in remembrance.

"Six million men, women and children whose only crime was being Jewish, slaughtered in the most efficient, mechanized, monstrous killing machine ever constructed. Six million lives brutally ended. Centuries-old communities wiped out. That is the reality of the Holocaust, a reality we must never forget."

Seen here with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien (second from right) are, from left, Israeli ambassador Itzhak Shelef, Avner Shalev, chair of Yad Vashem, Chrétien's wife Aline and Joel Dimitry, chair of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Canada has been fortunate "that so many Holocaust survivors chose to rebuild their lives" here. "Your contribution to our communities and our country have made us stronger and richer. Your courage and resilience have been examples to all of us."

Holocaust deniers "are not welcome in Canada. Their twisted arguments are really just a mask for racism and hatred and a final injury to all those who perished and suffered in the Holocaust — an injury that will not be tolerated."

Chrétien alluded to the Canadian government's dismal record of admitting Jews during the war years: "As a nation, we turned our backs on Jewish refugees from Europe when we could have saved lives, when we should have saved lives. Instead, we washed our hands and we all know the tragic consequences."

The hate crime legislation, Bill C-41, "is our commitment to a tolerant, free society."

The bill would mete out harsher punishments for hate crimes based on religion, race, color, sexual orientation and other factors.

Long awaited by the Jewish community, the bill is currently tied up in the Liberal caucus, where some members remain strongly opposed to it for what they say is its recognition and even legitimization of homosexuality.

Chrétien was presented with one of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem's stylized candelabras and with a scroll by Avner Shalev, chair of Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, making the prime minister an honorary trustee of the institution.

Shalev also presented Dan with a specially struck medal from Yad Vashem.

Dan, chair and CEO of Novopharm Inc. and a Holocaust survivor, said little did he know, when he was wandering the streets of war-ravaged Budapest in 1944, that he would have "the special honor and distinction" of introducing Canada's prime minister.

The multi-media centre in Dan's name will house computers, films, photos, recordings and millions of archives, all of which organizers say will be available one day on the Internet.

Israeli ambassador to Canada Itzhak Shelef pointed out that the dinner fell on the 33rd anniversary of the execution in Israel of top Nazi henchman Adolf Eichmann.

Cantor Louis Danto chanted the K'El Maleh Rachamim and sang the Partisans' Song, while Rabbi Erwin Schild delivered the invocation.

Embassy move predicted

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Critics of renewal argue that the PNA does not deserve further funding because it has failed to rein in terrorism. Satloff said that while the PNA cannot completely stamp out terrorism, it can and should make more of an effort.

He is favorably disposed to sending U.S. observers to the Golan Heights to monitor a peace agreement between Israel and Syria.

Hopeful but not optimistic about the prospects of a diplomatic breakthrough on this front within the coming months, Satloff said the Syrians are in no hurry to sign a peace pact with Israel. "The urgency on Syria's part to alter the status quo is not very strong."

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Substance abuse forum proves an eye-opener

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An unannounced speaker at a recent forum on Women and Substance Abuse brought a powerful message to an audience of about 175.

The woman, who prefers not to be identified, is a young mother and recovering heroin addict who spent a year in a rehabilitation centre and now helps other addicts. The product of a traditional Jewish home, she exhorted the Jewish community to raise awareness about the extent of addiction in the community and in schools.

"We have too many Jewish heroin addicts in Ontario. This does not include cocaine, hash, marijuana, LSD or alcohol. We can't say, 'Is there a problem?' We have to say, 'How severe is the problem?' "

To address the problem of Women and Substance Abuse, the social and political action committee of Jewish Women's Federation (JWF) presented the forum, featuring speakers Dr. Bonnie Madonik, director of medical services at the Donwood Institute; therapist Rochelle Thompson, a certified alcohol and drug counsellor and consultant for Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS); and Freda Muscovitch, coordinator of the drug and alcohol network component, undergraduate medical education, University of Toronto. Jill Reitman, vice-president of JWF, was moderator.

Madonik detailed differences between men and women with regard to drugs. She noted, for example that women reach higher peak levels of alcohol in the blood than men, even when they have consumed the same amount per body weight.

She described alcohol as "a powerful and potentially addictive drug. Socially sanctioned drugs are particularly dangerous because they are perceived as safe."

Tobacco kills three times more people than alcohol, AIDS, suicide, illicit drugs, car accidents and murder combined, Madonik noted.

She also emphasized the need to re-educate some doctors "who prescribe 30 to 60 [addictive] pills at a shot, with three to four repeats." When Madonik was in medical school "not so long ago, they didn't have one course in addiction," she noted.

Thompson addressed common myths, such as "Jews don't drink," which have created barriers for Jews who need help.

In the past five years, Thompson noted, JF&CS has worked to counter that myth, and a number of recovery groups have sprung up in local synagogues.

Thompson cautioned against believing that drug or alcohol abuse is not a problem if it's not a daily occurrence. Even in cases where the substance is not used every day, "People can die, families can be ruined," she said.

"Usually it's progressive. The earlier it's spotted, the easier it is to deal with."

Muscovitch said she'd like to see less judgmentalism and more knowledge about how to intervene in cases of drug abuse. She also criticized segregation within the Jewish community, particularly of the Orthodox sector, which "does not allow for sharing of resources and information."

Jewish Scouts mark 80 years

OTTAWA — Jewish Scouts are celebrating 80 years in Ottawa with a performance by the Israel Scout Friendship Caravan June 14 at the Agudath Israel synagogue.

All former members of the 39th Henry "Hank" Torontow Scouting Movement are invited to attend.

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Negev Dinner draws 325 people

By SUSAN MERSKEY
CJN Correspondent

LONDON — London's 1995 Negev Dinner drew 325 people to honor Sam and Frances Lerner at the University of Western Ontario last month.

Dinner chair Ellen Rosen welcomed representatives from the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

The tribute to the Lerners opened with a short video about JNF work in Israel, in particular the Reshafim Water Reservoir in the Beit She'an Valley. Dinner proceeds will go towards this project.

Sam Lerner, a practising lawyer for close to 40 years, overcame polio to rise through army ranks to become a lieutenant colonel.

"[He] has the gratitude, affection and respect of many lawyers in Canada; if there were more like him, we would have no fears for the future of the profession," said Ontario Law Society treasurer Paul Lamek.

The Lerners have worked in London with the Women's Christian Association, Parkwood Hospital and McCormick Homes.

Michael Lerner paid tribute to his parents on behalf of the family. He called his mother "devoted" to her husband, her family and the community; and his father "courageous."

Elisheva Torem celebrated her Bat Mitzvah on December 24, 1994, at Kibbutz Sde Eliahu, Israel

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RABIN VISITS GOLAN
Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin meets with members of the Golani Infantry Brigade after observing military manoeuvres on the Golan Heights. [RNS photo]

IDF, Palestinians disagree over army pullout date

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Israel Defence Force has set a Nov. 1 target for withdrawing from Arab population centres in the West Bank.

A senior IDF source told the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* the army would not be prepared to withdraw before that date, given the preparations necessary for a redeployment.

Security sources were quoted as saying that redeployment would require the paving of some 70 miles of roads bypassing Arab population centres and to be used by Israeli patrols.

The planning and logistics branches of the army have completed the basic plan for a redeployment, which would include a preliminary stage of paving roads, according to *Ha'aretz*.

However, the redeployment date clashes with Palestinian plans to hold elections in the territories in September.

The chief Palestinian negotiator on elections, Saeb Erekat, said last week that the elections would take place two months after an expected July signing of an agreement for implementing the next phase of Palestinian self-rule.

The Palestinians want to hold elections only after the redeployment of Israeli troops takes place.

Israel and the Palestinians have set July 1 as a target date for reaching agreement on elections in the territories and an IDF redeployment.

A senior Israeli official said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat would probably meet later this month to resolve the differences.

Flyer's remains found in Egypt after 22 years

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The remains of an Israeli navigator downed over Egypt 22 years ago have been found in the Nile Delta region, Israel Radio reported.

Capt. Eran Cohen had been declared missing after his Phantom jet was shot down over the Nile Delta during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

Israeli President Ezer Weizman, accompanied by senior Israel Defence Force officers, visited the Cohen family last week at Kibbutz Deganya Aleph near Tiberias, to inform them of the news.

Weizman later explained that during a visit to Cairo in December, he had asked Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to give priority to the search for missing Israeli soldiers.

Weizman expressed gratitude to Mubarak for his cooperation. He added that accounts provided by Egyptian locals eventually led the search teams to the field where the body was found.

Accompanying Weizman to the Cohen residence was Maj.-Gen. Yoram Yair, head of the IDF Manpower Division. He explained the circumstances of Cohen's disappearance.

"Today we know that the plane was hit by a missile and split in two," Yair said. "The back half fell in one spot. The front part, with the engine and the pilot, about [a half-mile] from there.

"There were witnesses who said they saw Eran parachute to the ground, where he was set upon by villagers and beaten to death," said Yair.

But an examination of the body indicated that Cohen had been killed by the impact of the fall and had not been beaten by villagers, he added.

Yair said the search effort to find the bodies of other missing soldiers would continue.

A date for Cohen's funeral has not been set.

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Grieving and peace: two views

By EMILY HAUSER

Ze'ev Rapp is a formidable presence. His deep voice pulls in listeners, his eyes pin them down.

Chain smoking as he talks, he lays out his opinions on the peace process, the Rabin government, and the Palestinians. Three years ago, he would not have felt the need to be so public with his thoughts; three years ago his daughter Helena was still alive.

Helena Rapp, 15 and from the Tel Aviv suburb of Bat Yam, was hacked to death by a Palestinian terrorist in May 1992. She was killed waiting for the bus to school.

The murder shook the nation, coming on the heels of a similar stabbing in which another Bat Yam girl was killed. The residents of the town staged violent protests, threatening to stream into Gaza and exact vengeance for the deaths. Ze'ev Rapp takes credit for convincing the crowds to calm down; today he is sorry he did.

"So what if we'd taken over Gaza? So what if one of my sons had killed an Arab? So he'd sit in jail. At least in jail I can visit him. Where can I visit him if he gets killed by a terrorist?"

Rapp firmly believes that if Israel's governments were tougher on the Palestinians, terrorism would stop. Helena was killed under a Likud government: her family now carries on under the current Labor coalition. He says neither has done enough.

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"My daughter and many others would still be alive if they had done what needed to be done. History proves that force can only be routed by force, not by logic."

Rapp's suggestions to the government are straightforward: the death sentence for killers, deportation for their families, and a wall around Gaza — "no one comes in, no one goes out."

The West Bank, he says, is part of Israel and must remain in Jewish hands. "If they want to stay here and obey Israeli law, fine. If not, they must leave ... But they must learn that they won't get a single inch of land by violence. Rapp says 95 per cent of terrorist attacks could be avoided.

Visitors are encouraged to look through albums of newspaper clippings following Helena's murder; the pictures reveal a young girl, laughing and playing around with friends. "She loved living," Rapp says with resignation. "She was studying photography and loved it. She was full of plans.

"The one thing I know my daughter knew absolutely is that her father would not let this go by unnoticed," he says, his mouth a grim line, his shoulders set. "I will not just move on with life."

* * *

There is one picture hanging in the office of Yitzhak Frankental, general secretary of Netivot Shalom, Israel's religious peace movement. It is of an Israeli soldier, goofing with a garden rake. He is Arik, Yitzhak Frankental's 18-year-old son, kidnapped and killed by Hamas last July.

Yitzhak Frankental's knitted yarmulka covers graying hair, and his gentleness is belied by his beefy size. "Arik hated the contempt shown Arabs, and saw the path we took with them [in occupation] as a tragedy," he says, his eyes filling with tears. "But he didn't know that he'd have to pay for it with his life."

The horrifying death of a beloved child at the hands of extremists would seem more than reason enough for fury, and it is often assumed that religious Israelis are right-wing. But Yitzhak Frankental, and the organization he heads, are proof that the lines are not nearly as clear as they seem.

"People don't understand that the lack of peace could, God forbid, bring about the destruction of Israel," Frankental says. "It must be clear: the peace that we talk about is peace with security, not peace in exchange for security."

Frankental has been active in Netivot Shalom for two years. The movement's philosophy is based on a Maimonides teaching: "The laws of the Torah are not meant to foster vengeance, but are aimed at increasing mercy, lovingkindness and peace in the world." A Netivot Shalom publication states: "While the Jewish people has a special relationship with the land of Israel, this attachment can never come before the sanctity of human life."

"I've taken on a mission ... because I think this people deserves that I dedicate myself to it," Frankental explains. But it is clear the task weighs on him heavily. He promised himself he would head the movement for two to three years, but now says: "I don't believe I'll be able to hold on indefinitely. I'm weaker than I was."

Asked what has sapped his strength, Frankental glances away. "The missing."

While he acknowledges his limitations, though, Frankental continues to canvas the country. He is one of the few supporters of the peace process who speaks in terms of Jewish law. "We are breaking very serious commandments with what we are doing [vis-a-vis the Palestinians]. There are two Jewish values which are important here: 'that which is hateful to you do not do unto others,' and 'justice, justice pursue'."

Indeed, Frankental and Netivot Shalom are willing to go farther than many secular leftists. When Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin came to pay condolence in the wake of Arik's death, the grieving father advised him to tell Yasser Arafat that Israel would accept the establishment of a Palestinian state.

Frankental acknowledges the position he advocates is difficult: "This is not peace yet, this is a process, and we all understand that the process is hard, and cruel." He is frustrated this keeps many who support Netivot Shalom from joining. "We have to bring about quick changes in the way people think, and for that, we need a lot of resources.

"Only if we understand that the Arab is a human just as the Jew is, only then will we be able to find a common ground for peace ... As I knew Arik, if he could, he would be shouting at me: 'Carry on, Daddy, carry on'," Yitzhak Frankental says quietly. "If we had made peace already, Arik wouldn't have been murdered."

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Israel's north rebounds after rocket attack

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JERUSALEM — Life returned to normal for residents of the north last week, after a rocket attack by Hezbollah terrorists.

In a statement released in Lebanon, Hezbollah said the attack last Tuesday night was in retaliation for the shelling a day earlier of the village of Shakra, north of the southern Lebanon security zone.

A 12-year-old girl was reportedly killed and two other youths injured in the shelling.

Eight Katyusha rockets fell inside Israel, causing minor damage but no injuries.

In Israel, residents of Kiryat Shmona called on the government to take action to prevent future attacks.

Mayor Prosper Azran said residents of the town feel as though they are living under a military regime.

"In the last 27 years, more than 1,700 missiles have fallen, more than 1,000 buildings were damaged, more than 300 people were injured and 40 people died," he told Israel Radio. "We're tired of this kind of life."

May 29:

• According to a report in *Ha'aretz* Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin reiterated to a meeting of Labor Knesset members that the government would submit any potential peace agreement with Syria to a national referendum. The Ministry of Justice is said to be studying precedents for draft referendum bills from Switzerland and Scandinavian countries.

• The Bank of Israel announced that the central interest rate will be lowered by 0.5% to 13.5%. The Governor of the Bank of Israel Jacob Frenkel believes the rate of inflation for 1995 will be 8 to 11% .

May 30:

• *Kol Israel* reported that Paraguay will extradite to Argentina seven Brazilian nationals suspected of involvement in the 1992 bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires in which 29 people were killed and over 100 were injured. Five of the suspects are reportedly of Lebanese origin.

• *Kol Israel* reported that a delegation from the European Union will arrive soon in Israel to begin preparations for the international observer team that will oversee elections in the territories which are scheduled to take place three months after Israel and the Palestinians conclude an agreement on the issue. The target date for the completion of the agreement is July 1.

• Speaking before the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee, Deputy IDF Chief of Staff Maj. General Matan Vilna'i said that Israel has recently successfully prevented a number of attacks from Hizbullah, its main enemy in south Lebanon. He also testified that there has been a reduction in the number of attacks against Israelis in the West Bank and from Gaza.

May 31:

• *Ma'ariv* reported American Express will soon issue credit cards in Israel through Bank Hapoalim. In their market research the company found that Israelis are frequent credit card users, especially for travel and shopping services.

June 1:

• Kol Israel reported that Jordan expelled two leaders of Hamas, Musa Abd Abu Marzuk and Imad el-Alami. The leader of the Hamas movement in Jordan, Ibrahim Osah stated however, that the expulsions will not result in a change of Hamas' principles.

New magazine recounts acts of kindness

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Corresondent

JERUSALEM — What makes Jeff Friedman spend his time singing to the dying? Why did a middle-aged couple move to Israel and adopt four disabled or abused children?

These and other stories of *chesed* (kindness) are found in a new bi-annual, English-language magazine called *QUARK — Quite Unusual Acts of Remarkable Kindness*, published by Jerusalem's Pardes Institute of Jewish Studies.

The intent is to "illuminate some of the countless acts of remarkable kindness (*gemilut chesed*) that take place in Israel," says American-born editor Jane Kimchi.

She admits she had doubts about the idea when it was first proposed by artist David Moss and acted upon by Rabbi Levi Lauer, former director of Pardes.

"A magazine about goodness? Who on earth would want to read about that?"

Then Kimchi remembered the story of a young woman in California who risked her life in an attempt to save her swimming companion from a shark. The story received endless media coverage. "That's when I realized goodness can be fascinating.

"In Israel we have our own heroes and heroines who capture the limelight," she says, recalling two poignant examples: an observant Jewish woman who, in the wake of a knifing in a crowded Jerusalem market, shielded the Arab suspect from an angry mob; and an Arab garage owner, who died trying to save a Jewish woman from a knife-wielding terrorist in Jaffa.

"These two incidents made news because of the combination of violence and political drama," writes Kimchi in her first editorial. "But there are also a great many untold stories of people who give of themselves to others, not in a brief moment of daring, but rather as an ongoing aspect of their daily lives."

QUARK is filled with their stories. Shlomo and Chaya Dagan are a middle-aged couple who left their grown-up children in Australia to start a new life in Israel, adopting four children in desperate need of a home. Jeff Friedman, a social worker and musician, uses his

Jane Kimchi

music to soothe the terminally ill. Meir Abelson, a former RAF pilot, is now a big brother to dozens of slum kids. And Clara Hammer, an 83-year-old great grandmother, provides chickens for poor families who can't afford meat.

"What makes these people give of themselves? That's one of the questions that intrigues me," says Kimchi. "You don't have to be one of the three Rs — rich, religious or retired — to find time for *chesed*," she says, noting that many of the people featured in the magazine are professionals with full-time jobs, families and otherwise hectic days.

Some do it out of religious obligation, regarding *chesed* as an important mitzvah; others, including many Holocaust survivors, have made a vow to help others after their own close brush with death. There are instinctive givers — what Kimchi calls "tender souls" — and accidental doers of *chesed* — a category into which she herself fits.

Years ago, in an effort to improve her Hebrew, Kimchi decided to spend a couple of days a week volunteering at Alyn, an orthopedic hospital for children in Jerusalem. There she met a child who was born paralyzed and had been abandoned by his parents. Kimchi fell in love with him. She and her husband, Jeff, adopted the boy, who has lived with them ever since.

"It always annoys me when people say what a great mitzvah I have done. I didn't do it as an act of *chesed*. I simply fell in love with the boy," she says. "He is a gift. He teaches me so much I feel humbled by him.

"It just goes to show you that you don't have to be a *tzaddik* [a righteous person] to commit an act of *chesed*," she says. "I'm the best example of that," she laughs.

The magazine has over 6,000 readers in Israel, North America and Europe. "I get calls from people who have read an article and feel inspired to do some act of *chesed*," notes Kimchi, who directs such callers to one of the many projects on her list.

"The long-term goal is to go beyond a magazine and launch a much larger project. We want to encourage people to engage in *chesed*," she says. This is part of the mandate of the Pardes Institute.

She hopes that *QUARK*, which has a number of non-Jewish subscribers, will also serve another purpose — to educate.

"*Chesed* is intrinsic to Judaism, but this is not widely recognized. There is an emphasis not only on *tzedakah* or charity, but on giving of yourself. I want to draw attention to this. You can call it public relations for the Jewish people."

For more information, contact Machon Pardes, PO Box 8575, Jerusalem 91084.

Jews feel excluded from Shabbat hearing

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — Jewish activists are protesting plans by a House subcommittee to hold a hearing on Shabbat to explore national attitudes about religious liberties and prayer in the public schools.

Despite the protest, the chair of the subcommittee has refused to reschedule the June 10 hearing.

"It's my experience that there are people in the Jewish community who participate in community activities on Saturdays," Charles Canady, chair of the House judiciary subcommittee on the constitution, said in a telephone interview.

The controversy has arisen because a "religious equality amendment" is about to be introduced in Congress.

Canady's subcommittee will be holding hearings on the controversial amendment, which is being spearheaded by the Christian Coalition.

The field hearing is set for Harrisonburg, Va., an area with a Jewish population of 370, according to the 1994 American Jewish Yearbook.

Field hearings are typically held outside Capitol Hill, and members of the community are invited to speak.

Although final language for a religious equality amendment has not yet been determined, the goals, as outlined by the Christian Coalition, include the allowance of some forms of prayer in public schools.

The amendment also is expected to give religion the same protections as speech under the Constitution.

The Harrisonburg hearing will focus on these issues, over which Jewish groups have expressed grave concerns.

Barney Frank, the only Jew on the subcommittee and its ranking minority member, said in an interview, "Given this particular topic, and the religious questions involved, I think it was a mistake" to schedule the field hearing for a Saturday.

Jewish activists agreed.

Bank employees indicted

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Ten senior Bank Discount employees were indicted last week on charges of stock manipulation, fraud and conspiracy in what the Securities Authority described as the "largest white-collar crime case ever."

In two separate indictments, spreading over hundreds of pages, the state attorney's tax and finance department accuses Yitzhak Cohen, Aryeh Adler, Teddy Saguy, Ofer Heldstein, David Weinman, Efraim Kutchinsky, Ehud Ya'acov, Mordechai Merkado, Michael Oron and his daughter Rinat of stock manipulation during 1993 and 1994.

Among the shares manipulated were those of Keren Makefet and the Ports and Railways Authority.

Some of the accused are also charged with artificially raising stock prices and sharing the profits.

Na'amat News

Building Bridges

Women can create a positive atmosphere for co-existence. Na'amat Israel's Department of Working recently organized a landmark meeting. Representatives from Na'amat and FHIDA, the largest democratic women's organization in Gaza with 3000 members, met a Kibbutz Kfar Aza to discuss future co-operation of the two movements.

"Hand in Hand"

Na'amat Canada's newest project, "Hand in Hand" is designed to work hand in hand with Na'amat Israel, the leading social service agency in the country. The project was designed to help finance the work of the Na'amat departments devoted to women's issues. Na'amat has over 30 legal offices throughout Israel and staffed by lawyers who provide free legal services to women. Typical clients are widows with financial or estate problems, single mothers, abused women, divorcees with child custody problems and women seeking a "Get." Na'amat's legal department also drafts legislative proposals dealing with the status of women and their legal rights.

Now Also in English and Russian

The Complete Guide for the Single Parent Family originally published by Na'amat in Hebrew, has now been abridged and translated into English and Russian. The guide was compiled by Mehad, Na'amat's Association for Single Parents, which was established over 4 years ago to help the growing number of single parent families in Israel.

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Child Support: New Idea Spells Chaos *PART 2 OF 2*

In the May 25 issue I discussed a $300 million government tax windfall that may result if child support payments can no longer be deduced by the non-custodial parent. The government hopes to use this money to assist the children of low-income families, whether the parents of such families are separated or not.

The plan will also assist many women who have child support payments that fail to incorporate an adequate amount for taxes on such payments.

However, it will unfairly penalize many men who are paying child support at a level which *did* incorporate adequate compensation for the wife's anticipated taxes. Often such men negotiated or litigated over child support and became obliged to pay anywhere from twenty to fifty percent more for child support only because of the need to compensate the wife for her tax liability.

If the government proceeds with its plans, such men will be able to go back to the Court and argue that that the new inability to deduct support constitutes a "material change" and that the amount they pay should be lowered substantially. The courts, which are already overburdened, will be flooded. Many women will oppose such applications on the grounds that the child's needs have increased or that the original settlement was insufficient to begin with. Many men may reduce or stop paying support altogether, which will also result in litigation. A few new "precedent cases" to clarify the rules won't work, because every fact situation will beg the question of "material change." Whatever benefits some women might gain could be lost, in part, by ensuing litigation or its threat. This is already happening. I'm already getting calls and the government's ideas are not even yet in the form of a draft Bill before parliament.

Unless the government can tackle this practical problem of how to handle existing orders and settlements, my family may become the only real financial beneficiaries of its plans. Even the government's projected $300 million windfall that would result from such changes may never be collected, since I predict a rebellion among the men who are already paying the recipients' taxes.

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Japanese host Holocaust seminar

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TOKYO — Trying to bridge a cultural gap "as wide as the Grand Canyon" between Japanese and Jews, a leading Tokyo publishing house and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre recently conducted an unprecedented seminar on the Holocaust.

The three-day session in the Japanese capital last week was organized by the respected Bungei Shunju publishers for 120 of its editors and reporters.

The goals were to eliminate stereotypes and offer a kind of penance for the Holocaust denial article carried by one of its magazines in February, according to organizers.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Los Angeles-based Wiesenthal Centre and the seminar leader, said he was challenged not only by Japanese misunderstanding of the Holocaust, but of the Jewish people in general.

Although there are only 2,000 Jews in Japan, and few Japanese have ever met a Jew, there is a thriving cottage industry in anti-Semitic books and articles in the country.

Some of the attacks hark back to medieval stereotypes, but the main emphasis is on alleged international Jewish plots to dominate and destroy the Japanese economy.

Even more ominously, the Aum Supreme Truth religious sect, accused of perpetrating poison gas attacks in Tokyo subways in March, venerates Adolf Hitler and uses his writings in its schools, the *Los Angeles Times* recently reported.

Rabbi Cooper said even though he had been warned that there would be an excessive amount of politeness at the conference, he and his colleagues were faced by some very blunt questions.

Part of the discussion arose out of a widespread Japanese assumption that in any conflict, both sides must bear some of the blame, Rabbi Cooper said.

For instance, one editor wondered whether, given their long history of victimization, the Jews themselves did not bear some of the responsibility for their fate.

Rabbi Daniel Landes, national education director for the Wiesenthal Centre, responded that the assumption was similar to blaming a woman who has been raped because "she asked for it."

Shimazu also challenged Jews and Japanese to reveal their flaws to each other as the basis for future friendship. He cited the belief held by some that Jews consider themselves superior to others as the "chosen people."

Rabbi Cooper said the seminar confirmed his belief that Japanese attitudes toward Jews are marked by contradictions.

He recalled that during his first trip to Tokyo 10 years ago, he went to a bookstore and picked up two popular volumes, *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, exposed long ago as a crude anti-Semitic forgery, and *The Diary of Anne Frank*, which has sold five million copies in Japan.

Both books were published at the time by Bungei.

The lead-up to the seminar began when Bungei's glossy monthly magazine *Marco Polo* published a 10-page article with an editorial endorsement, denying the existence of the gas chambers and the mass killing of Jews at Auschwitz.

The Wiesenthal Centre and the American Jewish Committee filed strong protests and Rabbi Cooper called for an immediate — and highly successful — advertising boycott of the magazine.

Within a week, Kengo Tanaka, Bungei's president and CEO, announced that he was shutting down *Marco Polo* and withdrawing all unsold copies.

At the time, Tanaka acknowledged his company's "overall lack of understanding" of the Holocaust.

He said, "We will do everything in our power to educate ourselves and our readers in Japan."

DAIRY DELIGHT

Last week, Yonit the cow was crowned the 'public favorite' as Israel's dairy industry celebrated reaching one billion litres of milk production per year. [RNS photo]

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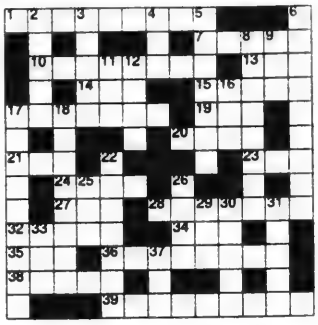

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7 Internal
10 Mendel is the father of this
13 First name of Charlton Heston's costar in Earthquake (1974)
14 A Judge for 40 years
15 Excessively promoted
17 Healthy cooking instrument
19 Salt mixture
20 A cardinal point
21 Finish
23 According to
24 Chills
27 Latin for we
28 Flowing
32 Bar of metal
34 Latin for the gods
35 Scottish for no
36 Instead of having garlic with a pig, he would have been turned into a pig was it not for garlic
38 Earlier name of Abraham
39 Even the name of this herbal tea is a real tonic!

DOWN

2 This hand should be washed first
3 Momentary loss of impulse to breathe
4 French for friend
5 Seventh month
6 To destroy all traces of
8 Tribe whose emblem was the hart
9 Twilight
11 Every - has its man
12 Bracket
16 Yea
17 Feminine aspect of God
18 Impent
22 Ecotounsm includes respect for local ones
25 Sticky substance
26 Foam
29 Latin for thing
30 Family who endowed an institute in 1932 to be directed by Doctor Weizmann
31 Scene
33 Grab
37 An affirmative vote

Answers for June 1

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Technology said to attract Israeli trade

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Countries that once boycotted Israel now trade with her because of technological advances, not just the peace process, said a former Israeli minister of economic affairs.

China, South Korea, Indonesia, Albania, Russia and India have sent delegations to Israel in the past five years.

"Everybody thinks because of the peace process, this is happening. This is part of the picture," said Pinchas Dror at a recent media breakfast held by State of Israel Bonds.

The peace process created "a psychological atmosphere" for trade, he said, but maintained that if Israel had not been technologically advanced, those countries would still not be trading with Israel.

"We have emerged," Dror said.

Israel's GNP is greater than those of surrounding countries, with a GDP growth rate of 5.8 per cent, compared to less than one per cent in Canada.

During the last decade, Israel's GNP has increased by 75 per cent and average GNP growth has been six to eight per cent. A change in economic policies since 1985 brought about the reduction of government debt and inflation.

The Labor and Likud parties may have their differences, but their economic goals are similar, "to get government out of business," Dror noted. Two years ago Israel embarked on an aggressive privatization program, including Israeli banks.

Immigrants from the former Soviet Union have helped push Israel to the technological forefront, Dror said, pointing to the percentage of engineers in the Israeli labor force at six per cent compared to 1.3 per cent in Canada.

Dror recalled that in 1950, when the U.S. State Department thought that Israel would not last five years and Israel's GNP was less than a billion dollars, more than $15 billion was invested in Israel through State of Israel Bonds.

Israel is an extremely successful country today, he said, and the people of Israel are "very grateful for all those people who invested in us, not when it was so easy like investing today, but when it was very, very difficult and you had to have a lot of wisdom, a lot of trust in the Israeli economy to do that."

Hapoalim distributes $37 million dividends

TEL AVIV — Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest financial institution, will distribute $37 million (US) in shareholder dividends.

Determined at a rate of nine per cent of its paid-up capital, the dividend is based on 1994 net profits of $176 million, garnered from the partial sale of shares in the $278-million energy company Delek.

Bank Hapoalim owned 29.6 per cent of the shares of Delek. It sold four per cent to the provident funds of Bank Hapoalim and to the I.D.B. Group.

Financial wiz shows lighter side

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — You'd expect a speech by one of Canada's leading securities analysts to be dry, but the only thing dry about Ira Gluskin's recent speech for the UJA was his humor.

Eighty people from the Young Business Network and Investment Divisions of the UJA gathered at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts for an evening with Gluskin, the financial wizard known for his provacative views and irreverent humor.

Gluskin, president and co-founder of the $1-billion investment management firm Gluskin Sheff, covered a wide range of subjects including real estate, stock analysis and art patronage.

"I have an important mission," he said, "to make rich people richer." Clients invest a minimum of $1 million.

The company made headlines in 1994 when it became the sole corporate sponsor of the prestigious Barnes Exhibit held at the Art Gallery of Ontario.

The opening night party alone cost $1.5 million. Nailing the sponsorship was a coup, Gluskin said, because blue chip companies like the banks usually sponsor such events. "If you want to play in the big leagues you have to step up to the plate."

Turning to investment vehicles, Gluskin said there are mid-sized income properties generating "real solid income" in Europe and North America. "You can acquire rates of return higher than interest (rates) ... like our grandfathers did 35 years ago."

He said such income properties are yielding 11 per cent while interest rates are nine, the same spread which existed 35 years ago when income properties yielded eight per cent and interest rates were at six per cent.

Gluskin said these properties are available because the developers were destroyed by the recession. Larger real estate properties like office towers and shopping centres — "trophy properties" sought by large institutions — have a much lower rate of return, he said.

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Secular Judaism won't shake up world, author Abe Arnold says

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish secularism hopes to counteract assimilation, Abraham (Abe) Arnold, author of a new book, *Judaism, From the Religious to the Secular*, said recently.

In his book (Robert Davies Publishing, soft cover, $23.99), the 72-year-old journalist and former Jewish civil servant makes a case for the secular Jew who casts aside the religious practices of Judaism, but not its traditions and culture.

"Secular Judaism is another form of Jewish religion without a supernatural power," he told a gathering at the Bloor JCC.

"It's an option, it won't shake up the world."

Replying to a question about secularism and assimilation, Arnold said secularism can save some Jews from going to another religion if they have become disillusioned with synagogues.

"Arnold is often far better at getting at the truth of Jewish history than professional historians," said Irving Abella, former president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, in introducing the author. "He is a great Canadian and a great Jew."

Abella credited Arnold with being the driving force in the re-creation of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society.

The author said the book is not a personal memoir of his experiences with Jewish activities in Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver and Winnipeg. He has such a book "rattling around in my computer", he said, but he has been unable to find a publisher for it.

Asked if it is possible to have a secular Jewish community without the presence of a religious community, Arnold replied, "We have both now."

He said the religious element has helped keep Jews together. "I've become more religious since I wrote the book," he noted.

The book is a scholarly compendium of myth, legend, history and custom of the Jewish people back to ancient times, with many references to how humanistic secular movements are part of that history. There are four chapters on holidays, ceremonies and celebrations.

Arnold said he is helping to organize a new group in Winnipeg for couples in a mixed marriage, "leaving out the religious trappings."

The book launch, chaired by Adam Fuerstenberg, was co-sponsored by the Jewish Book Committee of Toronto, the Secular Jewish Association, the United Jewish Peoples Order, the Canadian Jewish Historical Society and the Bloor JCC.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Jordan Merkur

An Eclectic Director: Jordan Merkur, 33-year-old artistic director and producer behind the Eclectic Theatre of Toronto, is awaiting this year's Dora Awards on June 26 with bated breath. Eclectic's 1994 production of *Assassins*, one of Stephen Sondheim's darkest musicals, has been nominated in no less than seven categories.

It is by no means the first time that Merkur and the 10-year-old Eclectic Theatre have garnered critical attention and acclaim. Merkur, whose production of *Walking the Dead* finishes this week at the Canadian Stage Upstairs in Toronto, has staged numerous plays dealing with Jewish themes, such as *Chutzpah a Go- Go*, a Jewish musical comedy by David Gale and Randy Vancourt that "celebrates the joys and trials of growing up Jewish in Canada."

A hit when it played in Toronto in 1993, *Chutzpah* is returning August 10 to the Limelight Dinner Theatre (416-482-5200).

Merkur also directed *Bent*, a play by Martin Sherman about the persecution of homosexuals in the Nazi death camps; it ran for four weeks in Toronto in 1992. Another of his plays was *Bitter Friends*, a play about Jonathan Pollard that opened at North York's Leah Posluns Theatre on Jan. 17, 1991 — the very day that the Gulf War was opening in the skies over Iraq. "*Bitter Friends* showed how Pollard leaked U.S. information to warn the Israelis about the build-up of arms in Iraq. It was a very timely and emotional opening, because we were all worried about the Scud missiles falling in downtown Tel-Aviv."

As well, he has committed to directing *Substance of Fire*, a play about the personal life of a Jewish publisher from New York, set to open at Edmonton's Phoenix Theatre in January 1996. "I think it's great that Edmonton is taking on a Jewish play, considering there's not a great Jewish population there," he says.

A former student of USDS and CHAT in Toronto, Merkur says Jewish culture has been an important lifelong influence. His sister, Shauna Tepperman, is the founder of Netivot HaTorah, a religious day school in Toronto with progressive teaching methods.

The demise of the Leah Posluns Theatre has been "very detrimental to the Jewish theatre scene," he says. "There are several celebrated Jewish artists that continue to work in theatre in this city, so it's continuing, but it's not the same."

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Festival of Yiddish Culture: Billed as the world's first public event of its kind, Ashkenaz, a festival of new Yiddish culture, takes place July 4 through 9 at Harbourfront Centre in Toronto.

The festival includes works of music, theatre, modern dance, storytelling, literature, film and visual arts and crafts. Eight klezmer bands are scheduled to perform, including Brave Old World, the Klezmatics and the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band $ 4. Ashkenaz also features jazz artists Masada, Hungarian string masters Muzalkas, singer-actor Dora Wasserman, and a production of Richard Teitelbaum's multi-media opera *Golem*.

Most of the performances, workshops and demonstrations of Ashkenaz are free of charge. The festival is sponsored by Molson Breweries, Ontario Division, and produced in association with Harbourfront Centre with the support of various provincial and federal agencies.

Artistic director David Buchbinder, who is leader of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, says the festival is meant to celebrate the Yiddish tradition. "We are truly excited to present an event of this scope with over 100 performers and artists from across North America and Europe."

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Spanish-Jewish History: Toronto writer Erna Paris, who has written several books on Jewish themes, is coming out with a new book. Scheduled for publication this fall, *The End of Days: A Story of Tolerance and Tyranny* deals with two periods of Spanish history — the medieval period when Christians, Muslims and Jews lived in harmony, and the time of the Inquisition, when the Jews were expelled from the land that had been their home for centuries. A two-part documentary based on this work was recently aired on CBC Radio.

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Arts

Three faces of Yiddish life

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Three different faces of Yiddish life will be on stage at Ashkenaz, the international Yiddish festival at Harbourfront, July 4 to 9.

The most traditional is the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre's five-actor performance of *The Always Prayer Shawl*, by Winnipeg high school teacher Sheldon Oberman.

The inspiration for Oberman's play was a tallit given to him when his grandfather died and which he buried at the back of a drawer. Oberman did not have a bar mitzvah, but when it came time for his son, Adam, to have one, Oberman dug it out and it was around Adam's shoulders at the ceremony.

The Always Prayer Shawl, adapted from the National Jewish Book Award winning children's picture book, has been known to leave scarcely a dry eye in the house.

By contrast, *God in Paris*, by 40-year-old Michael Wex of Toronto, is a tragi-comedy about a fictional Polish Yiddish poet and troublemaker, Kalman Holzhacker, who does his best work in Paris just before and after World War I.

The two-man 70-minute play, featuring Wex and composer Heiko Lehmann, with guest appearances by Yiddish singers at Ashkenaz, will be presented only once, free admission, July 7 at 8:30 p.m. at the Studio Theatre, Harbourfront.

"It is an antidote to the veneration in which some European Yiddish writers of that era were held, but it is not based on the life of any single individual," Wex said.

God in Paris, though it may be irreverent in some respects, does not downplay the resilience of the Yiddish language. At one point, a character asks Holzhacker, who also writes songs for the French music halls, why a successful writer like him still writes in Yiddish.

The play provides the answer. It has been translated and will be performed in Germany in October. "There is an obsessive interest in Jews in Germany today," said Wex. "There are more klezmer bands per square inch in Germany than anywhere in the world."

Different than the two abovementioned plays is *The Ivye Project*, to be performed by New York dancer and choreographer Tamar Rogoff in combination with a film commemorating the Yiddish culture lost when the Jews of Ivye in Belarus (formerly in Poland) were massacred by the Nazi occupiers.

The film shows the production which Rogoff created in the woods near Ivye with a cast of 100 professionals and local residents celebrating the Yiddish culture of the day. She drew on the diary her father kept when visiting her grandfather in Ivye in 1935.

Faith and Science on the Midway by the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange is one of the acts appearing at the Ashkenaz Festival.

Jazz singer addicted to risk & change

By LEORA SCHACHTER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Take a dash of Cleo Lane, mix in some Holly Cole, add a generous amount of Charlie Parker and finish off with a sprinkling of John Coltrane — the result is a musical feast called Julie Michels.

Singing Naked, a hip new jazz recording that combines her smooth chocolate and cigarettes voice with the deeply cool sounds of bassist George Koller.

The duo is a study in contrasts — she has mounds of curly red hair which refuses to do as she says; he's bald. She skips around on stage in long, colorful dresses, clearly delighted and amazed with their growing popularity; he wears Nehru jackets and stays intensely focused on his instrument, a double bass he calls "Sandra." (That's *Sawn-dra*, not *San-dra*.)

The title of their first CD comes from the fact Michels sings without the support of a piano or guitar — she performs the musical equivalent of a high-wire act without a net. But then, the 37-year-old singer is the first to admit that she is addicted to risk and change.

"One of the signs of a dead thing is that it doesn't change," says Michels, who studied genetics in university. Seven years ago, she left her job as a corporate contract administrator and went to Europe.

Within days, she was hired on the spot in a smoky Scottish bar, to participate in the Glasgow International Jazz Festival.

Now, Canadian and European recording companies are courting Michels and Koller who are number eight on Sam's top 10 "indy" list; and Bravo Network has taped one of their concerts to air in the fall.

The only thing that will never change in her life is the importance of music. "God gave me a lover who never leaves," she says.

This month you can catch them at the DuMaurier Jazz Festival on June 23, and C'est What on June 27. For more information, you can call the Koller-Michels Hotline at 461-1793.

Books

By Bernard Baskin

An Anthropologist On Mars by Oliver Sacks, Random House of Canada $30.00

This remarkable book comprises seven case histories of various neurological illness written by the author of *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat* and *Awakenings*.

The damaged brain can produce exciting surprises, Sacks writes. "Defects, disorders, diseases, in this sense, can play a paradoxical role by bringing out latent powers, developments, evolutions, forms of life, that might never be seen, or even be imaginable, in their absence."

We meet Dr. Carl Bennett, a British Columbian surgeon with Tourette's syndrome. While the disease involves tics, twitching and jerking of limbs, when Bennett operates on his patients or flies his airplane, his hands are steady as a rock.

Sacks observed a 2½-hour operation performed by Bennett. "It was often complex — vessels to be tied, nerves to be found — but the action was confident, smooth, moving forward at its own pace, with never the slightest hint of Tourette's." The doctor's assistants who have worked with him for years are still astounded at the change in the doctor when he operates. "It's like a miracle," one of them says.

A patient simply called Virgil regains his sight after 45 years, then reverts to darkness because adapting to visual stimuli and experiences is too traumatic. "He found himself between two worlds, at home in neither — a torment from which no escape seemed possible," Sacks writes.

How is one to understand Franco Magnani, an obsessive "memory artist," who has made several thousand extraordinarily detailed paintings of the Italian village from which he had come 30 years before; or the 13-year-old autistic boy, who after a quick glance can reproduce anything with astonishing accuracy and artistic elegance?

Then there is Greg, a young man whose frontal lobe was destroyed in a bizarre accident. He was rendered blind and amnesic. A lover of rock 'n' roll music, he remembers songs from before his accident, but nothing he hears thereafter, including the concert he went to with Sacks one night.

Perhaps the most touching of the seven tales is that of Temple Grandin of Colorado. In spite of her autism, she holds a PhD in animal science, teaches at the university and runs her own business. She cannot tolerate human contact and has devised a "squeeze machine," a kind of coffin-like device attached to an industrial compressor which provides her with the solace she cannot get from humans.

"As she lies in her machine, she says, her thoughts often turn to her mother, her favorite aunt, her teachers. She feels their love for her, and hers for them. She feels that the machine opens a door into an otherwise closed emotional world and allows her, almost teaches her, to feel empathy for others."

The case studies are interwoven with the analyses of neurological causes and symptoms, and with Sacks' own development as an empathic physician. He dedicates the book "to the seven people who have trusted me, shared their lives with me, given so deeply of their own experience — and who, over the years, have become my friends."

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Trip a Turkish delight!

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

CAPPADOCIA, Turkey — Mention the name Turkey and a thousand images come to mind. Verdant mountain plateaus; minaret-dotted cityscapes; serpentine coastal highways that overlook stunning turquoise seashores.

Located at the crossroads of Asia and Europe, Turkey is a country of contrasts, where ramshackle dwellings sport ultra-modern satellite dishes, and modern Volvo trucks pass shepherd girls tending herds of goats and sheep at the roadside.

A recent 13-day visit to Turkey revealed the country to be a country of stunning landscapes, charming (if primitive) villages and warm-hearted people.

The Asian part of Turkey, known as Anatolia, makes up the vast majority of the country's territory. At its heart is Cappadocia, located about 200 kilometres southeast of the capital, Ankara.

Cappadocia can be reached by flying into Kayseri, which today is a centre for the production of handmade Turkish carpets. From there you can drive to nearby Nevsehir or Urgup, either of which can serve as a base for a visit to the area.

A region unlike the rest of Turkey, Cappadocia offers an ancient landscape that bears a passing resemblance to the badlands of Alberta. But here, wind and rain have conspired to create surrealistic vistas of rock formations known as fairy chimneys.

Three million years ago, volcanoes at Mt. Erciyes and Mt. Hasan erupted and covered the region with tufa, a soft stone comprised of lava, ash and mud. Centuries of erosion have created the stunning and amusing affects seen today.

Some of the soft stone formations were easily hollowed out for use as homes, and near the towns of Urgup and Goreme, visitors can see how residents once lived in the rocks themselves. Some, like modern stone-age families, apparently still do.

For centuries, early in the common era, Cappadocia was important to the development of Christianity and the area's churches, basilicas and monastaries attract thousands of Christian pilgrims annually.

In the seventh century, when Islam began its expansion, Anatolia served as a battleground between Muslim and Christian Byzantine armies. Arab raids prompted the Christian residents to hide out in Hittite (1900-1200 BCE) and post-Hittite caves.

Today, these underground cities carved out of the soft volcanic stone stun visitors with their elaborateness and magnitude. The cave at Kaymakli is five stories deep. Its warren of chambers includes houses, smoke-blackened kitchens, wine presses and, to show that life goes on no matter what, even an underground "newlywed suite."

Leaving Cappadocia and driving west you come to Konya, home of Celadeddin Rumi, the Mevlana, a Sufi Muslim mystic who laid the foundation for the Dervish sect about 700 years ago.

The mosque that is his tomb is a pilgrimage destination for many. The dervishes are perhaps best known for their whirling dances, hence "whirling dervishes," that are used to facilitate freedom from earthly constraints and to get closer to God.

Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Situated 1,000 kilometres north of Winnipeg on the shore of Hudson Bay, Churchill, Man., is considered the Polar Bear Capital of the World. Most of the roughly 10,000 visitors who come here each year want to see the shaggy white animals that gather by the hundreds along the coast of Hudson Bay in October.

But increasing numbers of visitors are drawn in other months by the beluga whales in the Churchill River, the more than 200 species of birds that overfly the town, the aurora borealis that dances overhead, and the profusion of colorful wildflowers that carpet the tundra underfoot.

Migrating from the Pacific and Arctic Oceans, pods of hundreds of beluga whales congregate and calve from mid-July through August near the mouth of the Churchill River, where sonar-equipped tour boats enable visitors to hear as well as see them. "The beluga whale has been dubbed the sea-canary," says Lynda Gunter, owner of Frontiers North, a Winnipeg-based tour company. "They emit many high-pitched squeals and whistles, and they're obviously communicating with each other. Many people ask if the sounds can be translated, but so far we don't know what they're saying."

The whales seem just as curious about human beings as we are about them, according to Sandra Janzen, a co-owner of Fehr-Way Tours Ltd. of Winnipeg. "You can actually have eye contact with them — I've experienced that twice. It's a magical moment. They have smiles on their faces, and as they look at you they seem to be evaluating the whole human species."

Best bird-watching

Late May to early July is the ornithological season. Churchill is regarded as one of the best spots in North America to observe avian wildlife, and birders flock here from all over the world. Churchill and northern Manitoba "offers the best bird-watching in the most concentrated landscape" in North America, says Daniel Weedon, owner of Churchill Nature Tours.

Weedon points out that just as Churchill sits on the juncture of the Churchill River and Hudson Bay, the town likewise straddles three distinct biological regions. "You're standing on Arctic tundra, and you can see the great Canadian Shield boreal forest on the horizon," he says. "So with the boreal forest animals, Arctic animals and marine coast animals, you've got maximum bio-diversity."

Churchill has an equally rich cultural history, since the area was common ground for the Inuit, the Dene and the Cree. Founded more than three centuries ago as a fur-trading outpost of the Hudson Bay Company, the town still boasts such national historic sites as Fort Prince of Wales, a partially restored stone bastion built by the English in the 1700s.

"Churchill is basically a frontier town, and a lot of the business people here are fairly rugged individuals who have carved out their niche with their bare hands," says the town's mayor, Doug Webber. "We're kind of a tenacious lot."

Whales, wildflowers & walks

Equally tenacious are the tundra's various species of moss, lichen and miniature shrubs and flowers that burst into a dazzling array of reds, violets and yellows in July and August. Along with the flora and fauna, or probably because of it, there is a startling profusion of tour operators in and around Churchill. For most of them, their busiest time is polar bear season in October. Tour operators contend that visitors who come to Churchill for the polars bears alone miss the loveliness of summer and may have to endure blistery weather that all but confines them to a tundra buggy. In summer, they say, you get the whales, the wildflowers, and all the tundra walks you want.

"If you're a wildlife enthusiast, you know about the polar bears of Churchill because of the special that *National Geographic* did about 10 years ago," says Frontiers North's Lynda Gunter. "The beluga whales have not yet gotten that kind of coverage. A lot of people just don't know about them, and that's why they don't sell as quickly."

Inaccessible by road, Churchill is an hour and a half by jet from Winnipeg, and about 36 hours — two nights and one full day — away by train. Via Rail's train service is invariably popular, and many tourists wish to experience the overland trek to Churchill in at least one direction. "Many people feel that travelling by train is one of the last great frontier things to do, because it is a fact that the train service is diminishing," says Gunter.

According to Doug Webber, Churchill advertises itself as the farthest south accessible arctic tundra in the world. Tours to Churchill, including airfare from Winnipeg, start at about $1,800: that's all it takes to make the inaccessible accessible. For the 1995 *Manitoba Explorer's Guide* and other free literature, contact Travel Manitoba, 800-665-0040, ext. AB5.

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Lerner, Harry on May 22, 1995
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Brettler, Dr. Adolf on May 24, 1995, late of 304 Hillhurst Blvd.
Benultz, Sara on May 25, 1995
Sercesset, Rachel on May 25, 1995
Finkelstein, Pepi on May 24, 1995
Zeller, Jean on May 26, 1995, late of 4383 Bathurst St. #404
Rubinstein, Benjamin on May 26, 1995, late of 115 Antibes Sr. #102
Singer, Ella on May 27, 1995, late of 2900 Bathurst St. #407
Trute, Ida on May 27, 1995, late of 880 Lawrence Ave E.
Katz, Morris on May 27, 1995, late of 123 Lippencott St.
Heyman, Aron on May 28, 1995, late of 240 Torresdale Ave.

Steeles Memorial Chapel

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late Nancy M. Coulson will take place Sunday, June 18, at 11:30 a.m. at Rosedawn Cemetery, Mozrer Section.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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Pardes Sholom
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Grand Order of Israel Cemetery
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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New Beth Sholom Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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Pardes Shalom Cemetery
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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330 OBITUARIES

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late

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The unveiling of the monument for the late beloved

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will take place on Sunday, June 18, 1995 at 4:30 p.m. at Pardes Shalom Cemetery, B'nai Torah Section.

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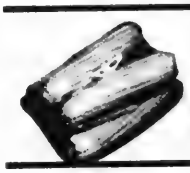

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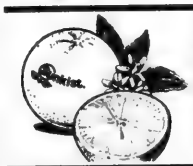

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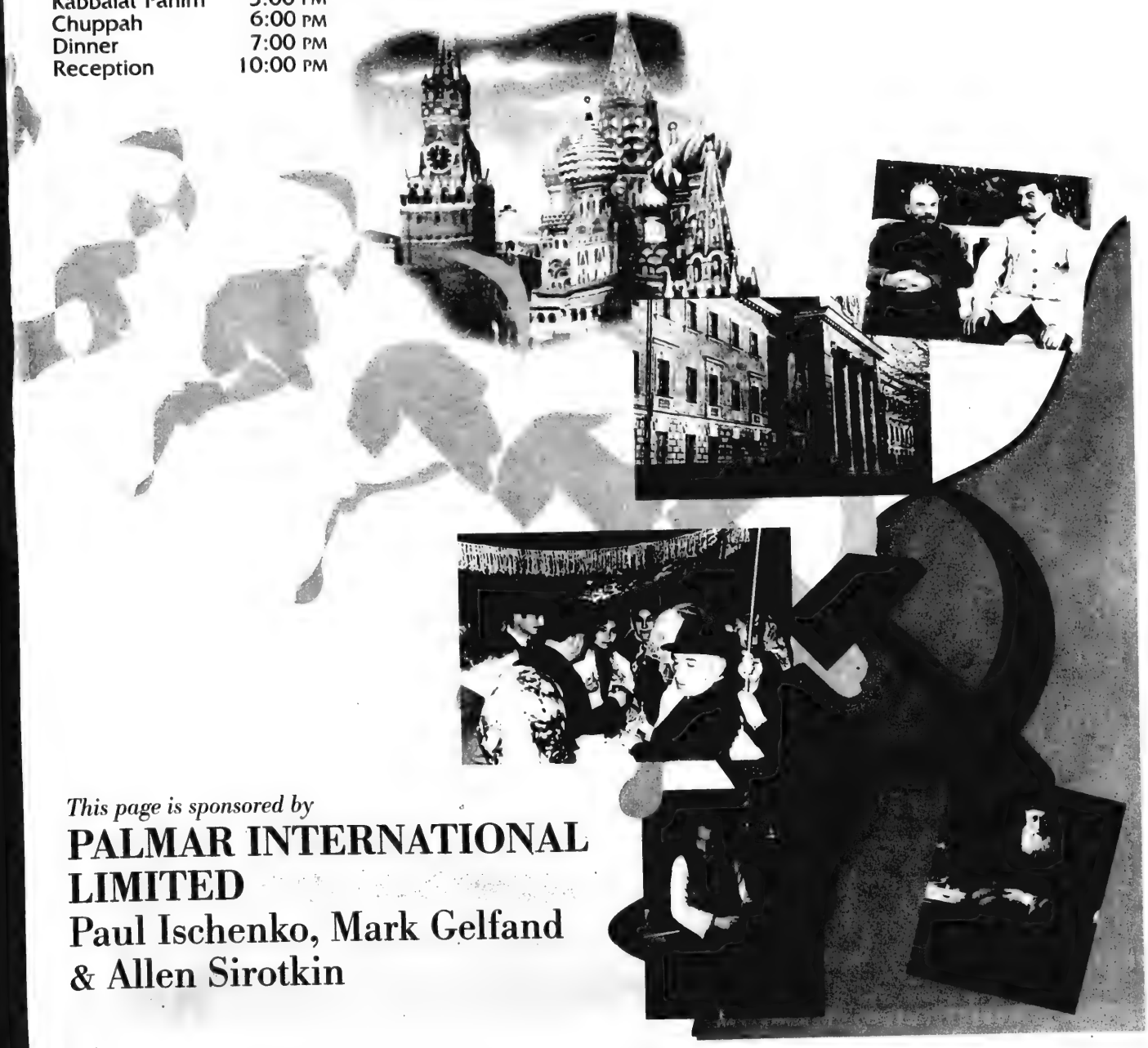

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Greeting and Blessing!

In response to the notification of the forthcoming marriage of a group of Russian Jewish couples, "in accordance with the Law of Moshe and yisroel," I hereby send my heartfelt greeting and blessing of Mazal Tov Mazal Tov. May this undertaking be crowned with great success in all aspects.

The current year תש"נ , which has been designated as a year of Nissim (miracles), adds a further meaning to the message relating to the event. In Loshon HaKodesh, the word Nes (miracle) also means a flagpole, or banner, which is used as an effective means of rallying people together for a common purpose. And, of course, the common purpose of all Jews is to make this world a fitting "dwelling place" for HaShem - in our heart and mind, in our home, and in the world at large.

I am confident that all the participating couples will make their home a fitting "dwelling place" for HaShem, and that this happy event will be a source of lasting inspiration stimulating continuous advancement in all matters of Yiddishkeit, Torah and Mitzvos, not only to the participating couples, but also to the entire Jewish community.

With prayerful wishes for Hatzlocho in all above, and

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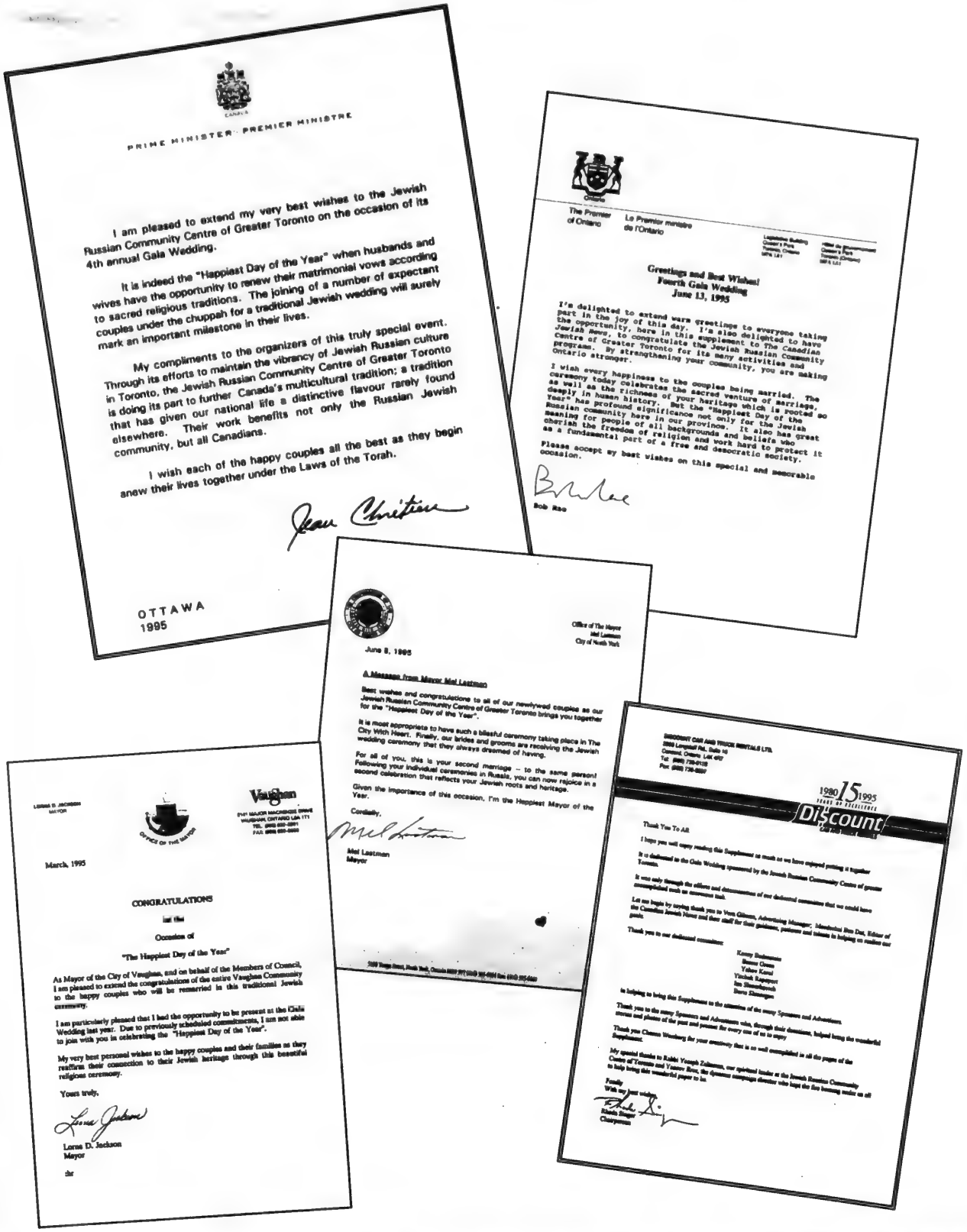

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I am pleased to extend my very best wishes to the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Greater Toronto on the occasion of its 4th annual Gala Wedding.

It is indeed the "Happiest Day of the Year" when husbands and wives have the opportunity to renew their matrimonial vows according to sacred religious traditions. The joining of a number of expectant couples under the chuppah for a traditional Jewish wedding will surely mark an important milestone in their lives.

My compliments to the organizers of this truly special event. Through its efforts to maintain the vibrancy of Jewish Russian culture in Toronto, the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Greater Toronto is doing its part to further Canada's multicultural tradition; a tradition that has given our national life a distinctive flavour rarely found elsewhere. Their work benefits not only the Russian Jewish community, but all Canadians.

I wish each of the happy couples all the best as they begin anew their lives together under the Laws of the Torah.

Jean Chrétien

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Greetings and Best Wishes!
Fourth Gala Wedding
June 13, 1995

I'm delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone taking part in the joy of this day. I'm also delighted to have the opportunity, here in this supplement to The Canadian Jewish News, to congratulate the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Greater Toronto for its many activities and programs. By strengthening your community, you are making Ontario stronger.

I wish every happiness to the couples being married. The ceremony today celebrates the sacred venture of marriage, as well as the richness of your heritage which is rooted so deeply in human history. But the "Happiest Day of the Year" has profound significance not only for the Jewish Russian community here in our province. It also has great meaning for people of all backgrounds and beliefs who cherish the freedom of religion and work hard to protect it as a fundamental part of a free and democratic society.

Please accept my best wishes on this special and memorable occasion.

Bob Rae

Office of The Mayor
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City of North York

June 8, 1995

A Message from Mayor Mel Lastman

Best wishes and congratulations to all of our newlywed couples as our Jewish Russian Community Centre of Greater Toronto brings you together for the "Happiest Day of the Year".

It is most appropriate to have such a blissful ceremony taking place in The City With Heart. Finally, our brides and grooms are receiving the Jewish wedding ceremony that they always dreamed of having.

For all of you, this is your second marriage -- to the same person! Following your individual ceremonies in Russia, you can now rejoice in a second celebration that reflects your Jewish roots and heritage.

Given the importance of this occasion, I'm the Happiest Mayor of the Year.

Cordially,

Mel Lastman
Mayor

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As Mayor of the City of Vaughan, and on behalf of the Members of Council, I am pleased to extend the congratulations of the entire Vaughan Community to the happy couples who will be remarried in this traditional Jewish ceremony.

I am particularly pleased that I had the opportunity to be present at the Gala Wedding last year. Due to previously scheduled commitments, I am not able to join with you in celebrating the "Happiest Day of the Year".

My very best personal wishes to the happy couples and their families as they reaffirm their connection to their Jewish heritage through this beautiful religious ceremony.

Yours truly,

Lorna D. Jackson
Mayor

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It was only through the efforts and determination of our dedicated committee that we could have accomplished such an impressive task.

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Thank you to the many Sponsors and Advertisers who, through their donations, helped bring the wonderful stories and photos of the past and present for every one of us to enjoy.

Thank you Chanoch Weinberg for your sensitivity that is so well accomplished in all the pages of the Supplement.

My special thanks to Rabbi Yeoash Zuberman, our spiritual leader at the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Toronto and Yaacov Ben, the dynamic marriage director who kept the fire burning under us all to help bring this wonderful paper to life.

Finally
With my best wishes,

Rabbi Shaul Dym
Chairperson

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Historical Backdrop

The year 1917 brought the Russian Revolution.

At the forefront of the revolution were many Jews who rejoiced at the downfall of the long dreaded monarchy and the hated Czars.

Millions of Russian citizens began to breathe freely.

Among them were thousands of Jews who after the gloom of centuries of oppression now suddenly caught their first glimpse of liberty as equal citizens.

But the euphoria of the victory of the "February revolution" which marked freedom was shortlived as it was replaced by the "October revolution" whose essence was dictatorship.

The Vilna Gaon's Seventy Year Prophecy 1920 — 1990

The Vilna Gaon, one of the greatest Talmudic masters and mystics of modern times, in his commentary to the Zohar writes that the entire duration of galut, exile, is likened to a pregnancy. Exile serves as a preparation for Messianic times when there will be a rebirth and new life for the Jews and for all mankind.

Just as in a pregnancy, the last stages just directly prior to the birth are the most painful, similarly, the last stage of exile is the most painful. Particularly, writes the Vilna Gaon, the last seventy years of Galut are the most trying.

The difficulty of this stage of galut is alluded to in the twentieth chapter of Psalms when King David prayed, "G-d should answer you in a time of distress." In this chapter there are nine verses which parallel the nine months of pregnancy. There are also exactly seventy words in this chapter, alluding to the final seventy years of galut, which will be the most traumatic.

In 1990, the doors of the Soviet Union were finally flung open and all Jews were permitted to emigrate without any restrictions. As well, Jews in the Soviet Union were given absolute freedom to practise Judaism to the fullest without any limitations or interference.

This amazing prophecy of the Vilna Gaon was fulfilled before our very eyes. From 1920 until 1990, the Jews of Russia experienced the harshest forms of galut, imprisonment and torture with all their rights as Jews withheld, unable to practise Judaism in any shape or form.

Indeed, the Lubavitcher Rebbe proclaimed in 1990 that the period of exile had come to a close and we were henceforth entering a new period, a period of preparation for the Geulah, the ultimate Redemption.

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Rostov, USSR
Purim 1920

The year 1920 was one of the most difficult years for the Jews in Russia. After the Bolshevik communists seized control of Russia, they began to tighten their iron hand with the utmost ferocity. With the help of the ruthless Yevsektsia, they began to hound Jews and Judaism with a fanatical ferocity. They persecuted observant Jews, closed the religious schools and synagogues, exiled and executed leading rabbinic and lay persons, confiscated religious artifacts and made it almost impossible to adhere to a halachically acceptable lifestyle. Jewish celebrations were strictly forbidden.

In this atmosphere the fifth Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Sholom Dovber Schneersohn announced that his Chassidim should no longer pay visits to him for *yechidut*, private meetings, or to hear Chassidic discourses due to the very real danger.

Nevertheless, on Purim of 1920, the word spread that there would be a brief *farbrengen*, Chassidic gathering, and afterwards all participants should immediately disperse so as not to arouse the suspicion of the Bolsheviks who had forbade any Jewish gatherings and in particular those at which there would be alcoholic drinks.

After a short while into the *farbrengen*, all those who were present, noticed a complete change in the countenance of Rabbi Sholom Dovber Schneersohn. The Rebbe instructed all his Chassidim to remain and he requested that more spirits be brought.

The Rebbe's son, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak, was very frightened that the gathering would be discovered. His father calmed him saying, "Don't be afraid. We will remain complete!"

Later during the *farbrengen*, the Chassidim were informed that the Bolsheviks were conducting a door to door search. Terror gripped them. When the Rebbe was made aware of the grave situation, however, to everyone's amazement, he only increased the singing and joy.

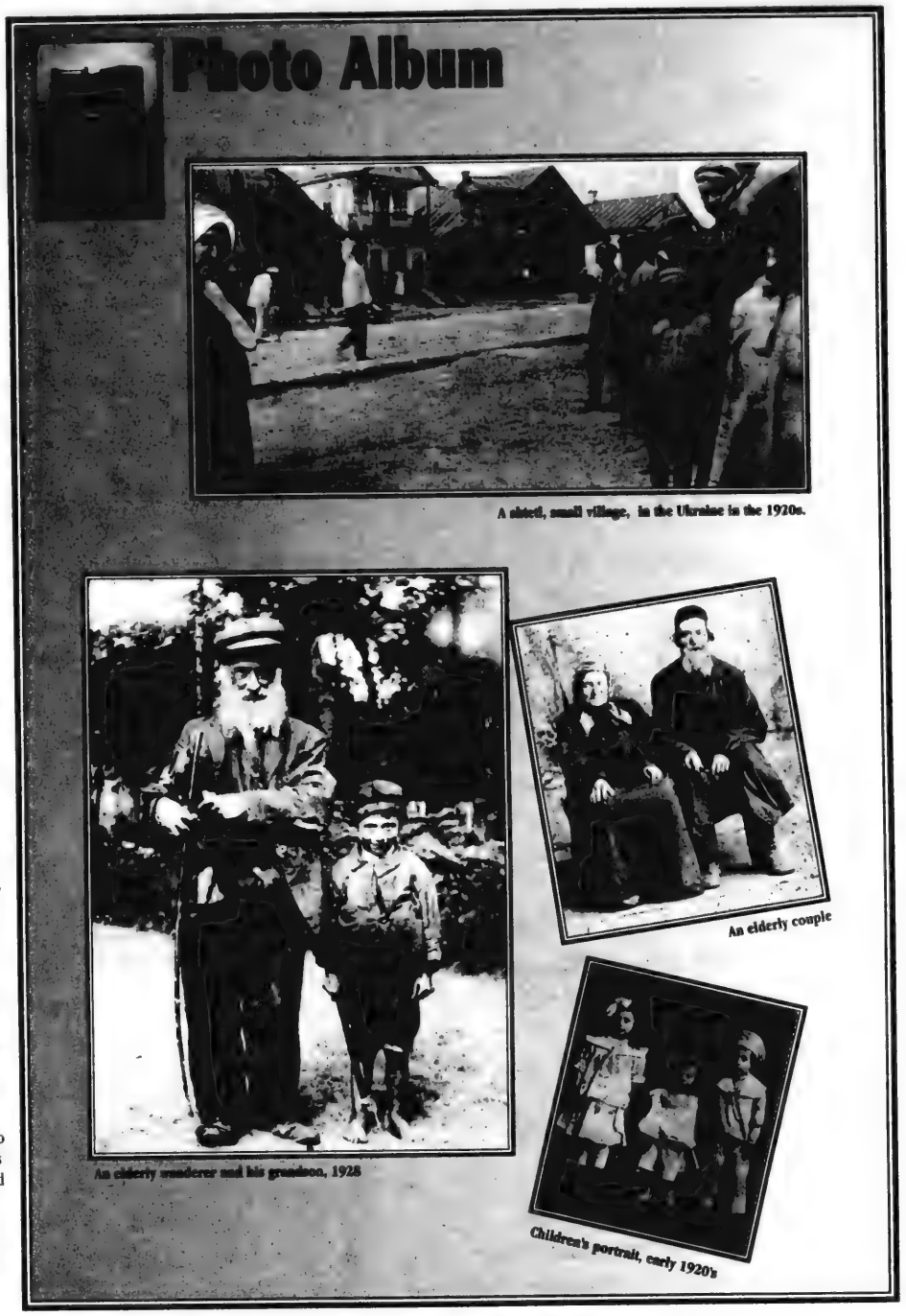
The Bolsheviks finally pounded on the Rebbe's door. The Rebbe instructed his Chassidim not to hide anything, but to leave the vodka as well as a large pile of money which had been collected that evening to support the Yeshiva on the table, in the open. (Raising money at this time was strictly forbidden as the communists suspected that the money would be used to fund revolutionary forces.)

As the Bolsheviks entered the Rebbe's court, the Rebbe exclaimed, "I have absolutely no fear of them. We will start to talk words of Chassidut and they will become totally nullified."

The Rebbe began to deliver a deep Chassidic discourse explaining the essence of evil and how evil is not true reality.

The Bolsheviks just stood, transfixed and staring at the Rebbe's holy face. After the discourse, they simply left, without uttering a word. The Chassidim were stupefied with the outcome. Less than a month later, on Nissan 2, the Rebbe, Rabbi Sholom Ber Schneersohn passed away. Before departing from this world though, the Rebbe had made sure to sow the seeds of the eventual collapse of the evil empire which would occur seventy years later.

The fifth Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Sholom Dovber Schneersohn



A shtetl, small village, in the Ukraine in the 1920s.

An elderly wanderer and his grandson, 1928

An elderly couple

Children's portrait, early 1920's

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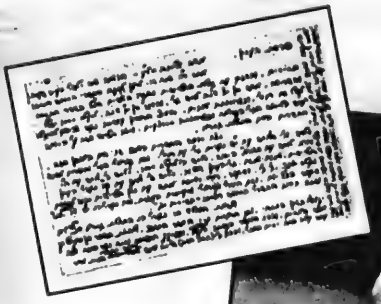
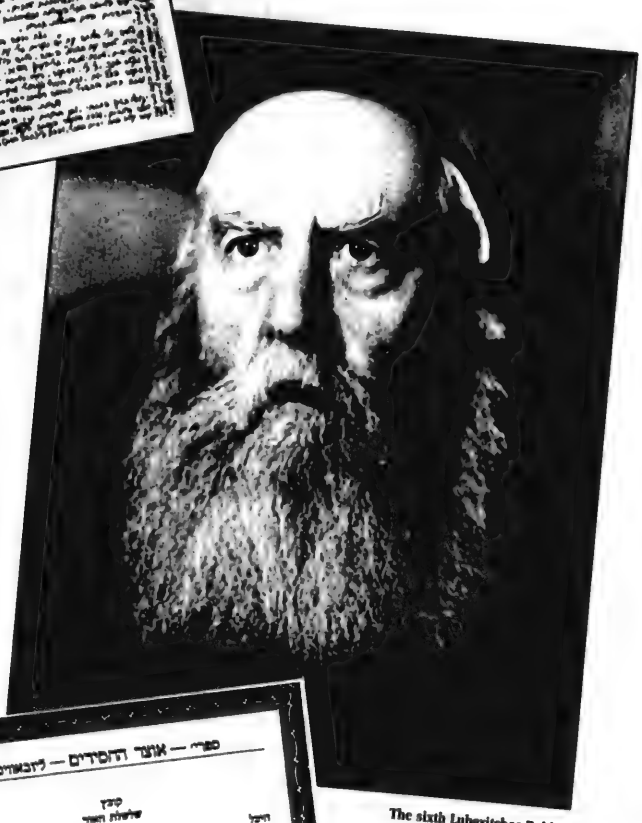




The sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe,
Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn

A FEARLESS LEADER

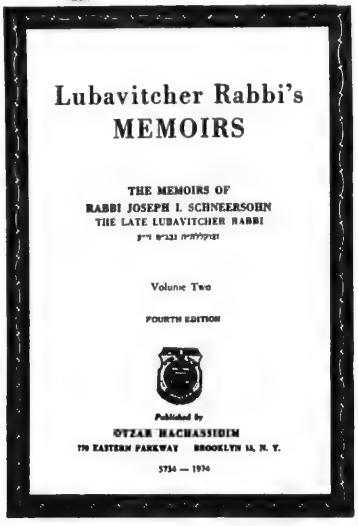
To the Bolsheviks, religion was characterized as superstitious and cant.

The Jewish section of the communist party, known as Yevsektsia, were virulently anti-Jewish Jews and ruthless and fanatical in their treatment of their fellow Jews.

They planned and executed countrywide destruction upon the people and the Torah of Israel.

It was during these dark days, when Jewry was going through its severest trials that Divine Providence provided the oppressed thousands with a fearless leader—Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn, the sixth Lubavitcher Rebbe.

Seeing the anguish of his brethren as the cherished bastions of prayer, study and charity were ruthlessly crushed, here arose a leader of stature who stood up to fight his people's enemies.



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THE INTIMIDATING TOY

Rabbi Yosef Yitzchok of Lubavitch writes:

In the summer of 5680 (1920), I was summoned to the Tcheka [which later became the GPU, then the NKVD and, finally, the KGB] of Rostov-on-the-Don. The summons was carried out by the Judaism-hating "Jewish section" of the Communist Party, the infamous Yevsektsia.

The summons was typical of the manner of the Tcheka. I had not yet concluded the morning prayers (I was leading the prayers myself, for it was within the year of mourning after my holy father's passing) when the three emissaries from the "court of death" entered the room. They were dressed in their uniforms of red and black, rifles in hand, their belts crammed with bullets, a pair of revolvers and a pair of Cossack knives, with helmets of copper and faces aflame. They approached me and said: "You are summoned to immediately accompany us to the offices of the Tcheka."

Two of the messengers were from the Yevsektsia and the third a non-Jew. The two Jews wished to strip me of my *tallit*, prayer shawl, and *tefillin*, phylacteries, on the spot. When I told them that I must first finish my prayers and the Torah study which follows, they let loose a barrage of curses and yelled at me to remove my *tallit* and *tefillin* immediately. (Incidentally, one of them was a refugee from the city of Shavel who had once come to me for assistance. I had arranged a position for him at a cigarette factory and later I had loaned him money to establish a business of his own. For the next three years—up until the revolution—he earned a respectable living.) Were it not for the intervention of their non-Jewish colleague, they would have forcefully interrupted my prayers.

When I finished reciting the final blessing after the Torah study, I went along with my armed guardians. One walked on my right, a second on my left and a third behind me, in the manner that those accused of treason against the regime are led.

When we arrived at the "courtyard of death," they led me to a large chamber in which some fifteen people sat along both sides of a long table. At the head of the table sat another two, and I was seated opposite them at the foot of the table. My three guards sat behind me, left, right and center.

One of those seated at the head of the table addressed me: "We are the members of the Party's Committee to investigate Religions, now occupied in investigating the Jewish religion. We have various questions. We have already summoned Rabbi Berman and Rabbi Goldenberg—we asked what we asked and they answered what they answered. We have now summoned Rabbi Schneersohn to resolve certain issues pertaining to Kabbalah and Chassidism."

All this was said in the Russian language:

I answered in Yiddish: "I have already made it clear on the two former occasions on which I was summoned to the Tcheka that I will not budge from my principles. There is yet to be born, and never will there be born, the man or demon who will move me in the slightest degree from my principles..."

Before I finished my words I was interrupted by a "committee member" seated on the right side of the table. He lifted the revolver which lay on the table—in addition to the arms which they all wore on their belts, a revolver lay on the table before each of the assembled—and pointed it at me, saying: "This toy does away with 'principles.' Fear of it has opened many a mouth; also the dumb have become talkative before it."

"You are utterly mistaken," I replied. "This toy impresses only the cowardly atheist, who has but a single world and many gods—every hedonist has his many gods. But as for us, who have but a single G-d and who believe in two worlds, the toy which you are brandishing not only fails to frighten, it makes no impression whatsoever."

Photo Album

Children learning in a Cheder

Older men studying in the synagogue

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AN ARMY OF DEVOTED FOLLOWERS

There is no area of Jewish life that Rabbi Y. Y. Schneersohn did not toil to rebuild and fortify.

Here was a leader who headed a small army of followers for whom fire and water were meaningless in the face of a command, or even a hint from his lips.

Here was a leader who dared to curb the seething volcano of atheism that threatened to erase all remaining vestiges of Torah life.

Clockwise from top:
R. Mendel Futerfass at a Chassidic gathering.
R. Avrom Leeb Slavin, 14 year old Henich Rapoport.
R. Simchas Gorodetsky helping Israeli youth don Tefillin.
R. Hillel Liberov, and a group of Chassidim at a farbrengen (Chassidic gathering)

A Response to an Unwritten Letter

Reb Mendel Futerfas, a devoted soldier of the previous Rebbe, Rabbi Y. Y. Schneersohn and after his passing a chassid of his successor, Rabbi M. M. Schneersohn, suffered greatly during his incarceration in Siberia. One day in 1953, when he felt he could no longer endure the torment, he was reminded of something he had once heard from the older Chassidim—that it was possible to turn to the Rebbe for help in one's thoughts, no matter what the physical distance may be between them.

Picturing the Rebbe, Rabbi M. M. Schneersohn, in his mind, Reb Mendel imagined himself standing before him, reading aloud his request in which he poured out his heart.

Meanwhile, Reb Mendel's wife who had left Russia in 1946 as a Polish citizen and had settled in London with her children was unaware of her husband's conditions in Russia, or if he was even alive for that matter. One day, she received a letter addressed to her husband from the Rebbe in which the Rebbe acknowledged receipt of Reb Mendel's letter and promised him that he would soon be released. Excited to receive an affirmation that her husband was indeed alive, Reb Mendel's wife immediately called the Rebbe's secretary to verify that her husband had truly written the Rebbe. The Rebbe, however, declined to answer Reb Mendel's wife.

Soon after this incident, Reb Mendel's situation began to improve. A short time later he was released from the labour camp and even allowed to leave the Soviet Union.

When he arrived in London in 1962 to be reunited with his family he was surprised to be shown this letter waiting for him from the Rebbe. The letter contained an answer to his letter of such and such a date.

Red Mendel did not understand, for he had sent no such correspondence to the Rebbe; as a prisoner, he had never been permitted to do so.

When he studied the date, however, he realized that the Rebbe was answering in writing to the request that he had sent him in thoughts.

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Memories of My Life in the Soviet Union

From 1960 to 1971

An Interview with Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman of the JRC

Maintaining a proper Jewish lifestyle in the Russia of old was no easy task. Any small observance which nowadays is taken for granted became a formidable challenge.

As a child in Moscow, I learned in a secret Cheder, Jewish school. Every week, the location of the school was changed so as to minimize its chance of discovery. Every Saturday night it was the job of a different student to transfer the Jewish texts on a bicycle to the new location with the hope that there was less chance of the authorities suspecting a young boy.

Since classes in the government schools were conducted six days a week including Shabbat, Saturdays, those children attending these schools had to contrive a weekly plan to free them from Saturday's attendance. Sometimes the parents would bribe a doctor to write a note that the child was of particularly frail constituency and therefore required two days of rest a week. If there was a sibling in the family, another excuse needed to be invented to avoid his attendance as well.

I remember a Saturday when my father was required to appear at work. He would leave our home before the crack of dawn and walk for many hours until he would arrive at work. To avoid signing anything on Shabbat, he would tie his hand in a handkerchief claiming that it was badly bruised, cut or burnt. We would eagerly wait for him for Kiddush and the Shabbat meal until late in the afternoon when he finally found the opportunity to slip out and walk back the long distance.

Even something as simple as affixing a mezuzah, a small piece of parchment on the doorpost, became a cumbersome obstacle. To affix a mezuzah on the gate of our home would be too noticeable, and hence, dangerous. Therefore, late one night, we stole out of our home heading to the gate. Armed with a carpenter's tool, my father carefully carved out a space the exact dimension of the mezuzah. After placing the parchment in its new home, and reciting the appropriate blessing, the mezuzah was once again covered up with a piece of matching wood. No one could discern the mezuzah hiding underneath; only we felt its enveloping protection as we passed daily by the gate of our house.

Holidays were especially a time fraught with danger, but also joy in the realization that we outsmarted the KGB in upholding the Torah and our traditions. I remember collaborating with my mother on how we would explain the night-long lively dancing and celebration at home on Simchat Torah, the festival of the rejoicing of the Torah, to the neighbours. Each holiday would have its own excuse: father's birthday, a get-together with friends or a child's party. We almost needed an elaborate accounting system just to keep a record of all the "birthdays" to ensure that they occurred on the same date of the Russian calendar each year!

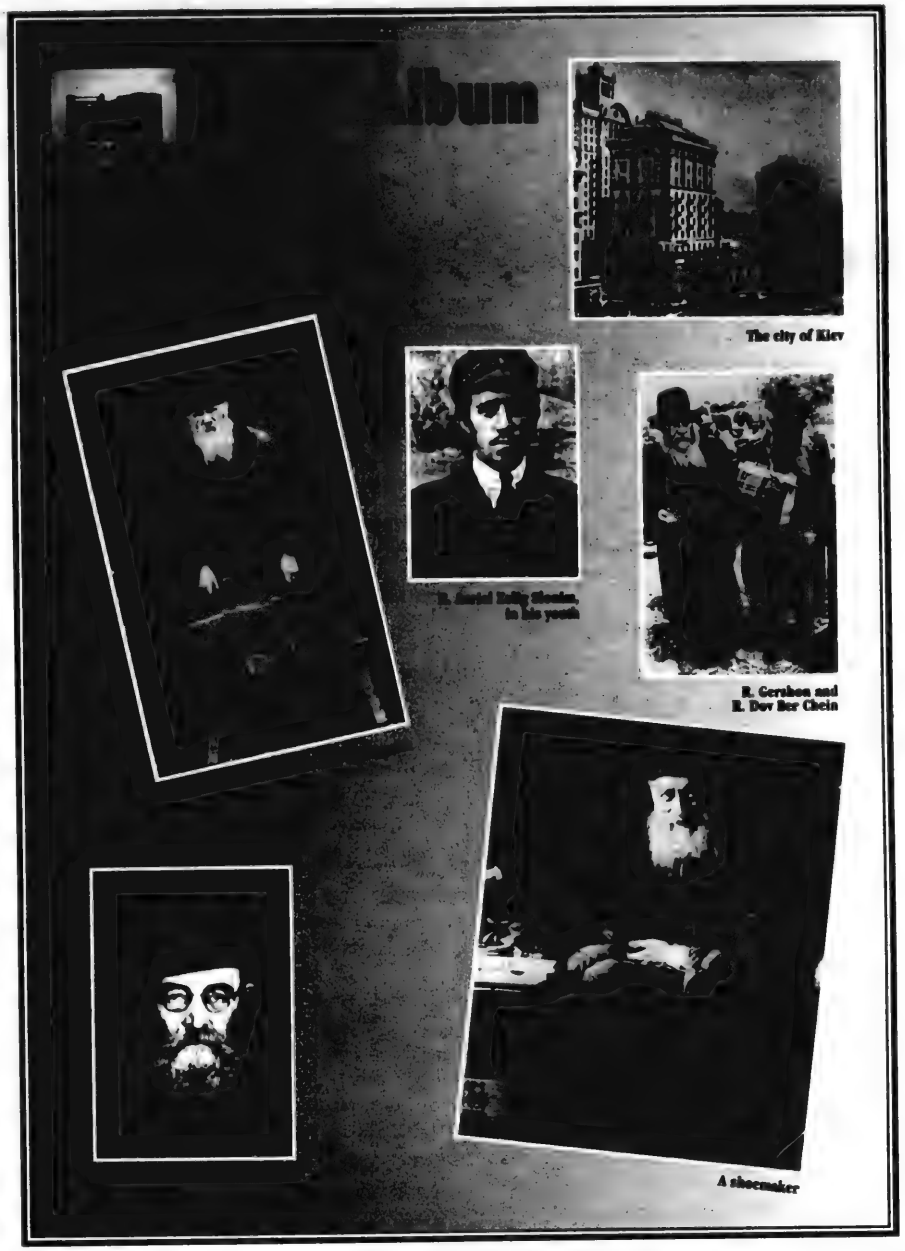
Before Pesach, Passover, our grandfather's home became a full-fledged matzah bakery. Well before Chanukah the preparations began as I would accompany my father to the farm carrying clean sacks and a sickle to gather and cut the wheat. The wheat would remain hidden in our attic until it was time to grind and bake it with all the restrictions strictly according to Jewish law.

Our contact with the Lubavitcher Rebbe in New York gave us much courage and inspiration, but needed to be conducted through utmost secrecy. We would write via relatives in Israel asking them to ask "uncle" or "grandfather" advice on this or that matter. The relatives would write back quoting what "uncle"—the Rebbe—answered.

On one occasion, due to the urgency of the matter, my father dared to send a telegram directly to a relative in New York. He informed the Rebbe that my mother was pregnant and that for health reasons the doctor advised her to abort. At this time I was 10 years, and the only son, with four sisters. Very little time passed before we anxiously received a telegram from New York promising the healthy delivery of a child. Shortly after, my brother Boruch, who now lives in Toronto serving as the principle of Cheder Chabad, was born.

In July 1971 my family was miraculously granted permission to leave the Soviet Union and emigrate to Israel. With great anticipation, shortly after our emigration, my father and I travelled to New York, following which I started to study in the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown, New Jersey.

For left: The Zaltzman family. Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman is in the back row on the left. Left: At Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman's Bar Mitzvah celebration, the Bar Mitzvah boy is pictured in the centre with a special cake in his honour, his father, Rabbi Berel Zaltzman is seated to the right of him, and on his left is his grandfather, Rabbi Yehudah Kulasher, the underground Rabbi of Moscow.



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THE STORY OF REB YECHIEL MICHL RAPOPORT

A Chassid and the Son of a Chassid

On the Sunday before Pesach, three KGB officers arrested me a second time and dragged me off to their headquarters in Cuthais, Georgia. My charges for my first imprisonment were being a "Schneersohnist," helping other Schneersohnists followers, having studied in a Schneersohnist yeshivah and teaching Schneersohnist teachings.

On the third day of my interrogation, I was sent from Cuthais to Leningrad, my first stop being Baku. I was brought to my next stop, the Rostov prison, on Friday, the eve of Pesach. I was tormented by hunger. I spent Chol HaMoed Pesach in the Kharkov prison until I was finally transferred to Leningrad. Locked in prison there, I had ample free time to ponder over the torture and self-sacrifice that had been the lot of the previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, R. Yosef Yitzchak, when he had been imprisoned and interrogated and held under capital sentence in this very same prison. In the decades that had elapsed since 1927, however, the building had been renovated considerably.

I was treated in that prison as if I were the most dangerous criminal imaginable. Firstly, despite my experience in forced labour camps, I had shown that I was slow in learning the desired lesson. My special treatment, over and above that meted out to the other inmates, was expressed in: solitary confinement; being escorted to interrogation sessions by two armed guards instead of one; being denied all reading matter and the privilege of a daily airing in the courtyard, no matter how heavy the security precautions might be; and so on. Even my tough interrogator was an officer of impressive seniority: I was interrogated by no less a personage than the Deputy-Director of the Interrogation Department himself.

The daily routine in a Soviet prison has been described more than once: rising at six, and remaining awake at all costs for the remining seventeen hours until eleven, this order being enforced by brutal punishment.

This is the routine that I made for myself. First of all, I recited the morning prayers at a very leisurely pace. I then recited chapters of Tehillim, choosing from among the 130 that I knew by heart. Like all the other chassidim who had followed the instruction of the Rebbe, I had also committed to memory the first twelve chapters of Tanya, as well as the introduction. And, of course, I was also able to study those chapters of Mishnah that I knew by heart. As I walked up and down my cell, my lips would be constantly muttering these passages. When I grew tired from my daily stroll I would sit down for a moment's rest, but would immediately fall asleep. The warder who stomped up and down the corridor had his ways and means of seeing to it that this rest should not last more than a moment, so I would then resume my stroll—first from wall to wall, then from corner to corner, then from wall to wall, and so on.

On more than one occasion I was visited by the prison's psychiatrist, who made touching attempts at engaging me in conversation. His aim was to evaluate the extent of my sanity, for, as had been reported, "This prisoner talks to himself for hours on end every day."

At eleven at night the prisoners were ordered to lie down to sleep. It goes without saying that after the kind of day that we experienced, we would fall into a heavy slumber the very moment we were allowed to lie down. Only twenty minutes later, however, we were roused by the raucous voice of the warder, who would open each peephole and shout: "Is there a prisoner here whose name starts with an A (or B or whatever)?" In each case, of course, the prisoner inside would have to quickly wake up and answer either *Yes* or *No*. Even though the warder knew my name, for example, he would nevertheless wake me and ask me if my name started with a B. When I answered that it did not, he would go on his way. Twenty minutes later he would be back to wake me again with a new question: Did my name start with D? Receiving an honest answer, he would again go away, only to return as many times as it took him to reach the letter R.

On one such occasion I answered affirmatively, and added, as I was supposed to, that my name was Rapoport. He returned only ten minutes later, and barked: "Get dressed!"

From rich and unforgettable experience I knew exactly what this portended. And, sure enough, two soldiers appeared within minutes to escort me through the gloom of the dank and freezing stone corridors to the interrogator's chamber. Each session would typically last a few hours, and at four or five I would be ushered back to my cell. Exhausted, and my head in a whirl, I would then try to salvage a precious hour or so of sleep, for very soon it would be six o'clock, which meant neither lying down nor sitting, neither leaning, nor trying to snooze while standing.

This was my daily routine throughout most of the summer months. There were few nights indeed that I was not summoned for a mid-night cross-examination, and that I was able to sleep like a normal human being.

As my investigation proceeded, I realized that by and large the questions followed a chronological order: my schooling, my parents' occupation at that time, the dates of my starting and completing yeshivah studies, and so on. This knowledge enabled me to prepare answers to the questions that I expected for each successive stage of my life. When the interrogator reached the stage of my first arrest and imprisonment, I gathered that this recurring nightmare was about to come to an end. And, indeed, from that time on I had two full consecutive weeks of uninterrupted sleep every night.

Then without any warning, I was again woken up rudely one midnight, and ordered to get dressed. This time I was terrified, not knowing what could have suddenly aroused those Angels of Death from their welcome stupor.

Thrust into the familiar hell-chamber, I found that now for the first time I was confronted by three interrogators instead of the one I had had to cope with hitherto. I knew full well that this guaranteed two things—weighty charges, and a gruelling cross-examination. With one interrogator, one at least has a chance of concentrating more or less, and producing a considered reply. When there is a troika, one finds that the instant one has delivered one's answer to the first questioner, the second pounces on one with *his* prepared query. This is barely answered somehow, and the third carnivore attacks his prey.

They started from the beginning all over again: place of birth, names of parents; their genealogy; and so on. Finally, finally, my cross-examination came to an end. No, one thing remained. They handed me a list of allegations as follows:

"The accused is a Schneersonski Chassid, who obeys and executes the rulings of his sect; he is a traitor to his country, and has been convicted of forging documents.

"Evidence to the above: The accused contravened the law by attempting to flee from his homeland by means of forged documents. This episode constitutes treason.

"The accused transferred moneys from Leningrad to Lemberg for the support of a Talmud Torah in which children studied underground. This offense was committed under orders from Yonah Cohen, one of the leaders of the Chassidic sect.

"As to whether the accused is a Chassid, and the son of a Chassid, this is beyond all doubt, and requires no proof whatever."

For all of these charges I was then sentenced to ten-years' imprisonment in the forced labour camps of the far north, under Sections 58/10-11 and 58-1-S of the law of the land. For good measure, my file was labeled, "Keep forever," which meant that even after the sentence had been served, the charges were always on file and at hand.

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R. Yechiel Michl Rapoport miraculously survived and eventually emigrated from the Soviet Union to Israel where he taught Torah to young emigrants from the USSR.

A few short hours after relating the above memoirs, however, R. Yechiel Michl Rapoport returned his valiant, noble soul to his Maker. It is therefore doubly appropriate to append here the words with which he himself brought his life-story to a close:

"I often say, just by way of a joke, that when after 120 years I arrive in the World of Truth, and someone in the Heavenly Court says, "What kind of a Chassid are *you?* After all..., and so on," —then I'll tell that angel that he should please take the trouble to find his way to KGB headquarters in Leningrad, and to open File No. 23, Year 1951; for there it is stated, and forever, that I am a Chassid, and the son of a Chassid, and that I was imprisoned for it too."

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THE AUTHORITIES' SCHNEERSOHNSKI POLICY

The authorities knew full well the extent and power of Rabbi Schneersohn's challenge.

Accordingly, they conscripted all the sophisticated resources and brute strength at their command to the silencing of this arch defier and his emissaries.

Their policy was enumerated clearly enough: whenever they succeeded in laying hands on any "Schneersohnski" he could expect either death or imprisonment and flogging, cross examination under torture and exile to a forced labour camp in frozen Siberia for as many decades as it took for him to waste away and perish.

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A SON'S MEMORIES

An Interview with Yitzchak Rapoport, son of Reb Yechiel Michl Rapoport and Board Member of the JRC

Pictured clockwise from top left:
Politburo member Zhdanov who died in 1948;
a police photo of Stalin taken in 1900;
politburo member A. S. Shcherbakov, a virulent anti-Semite who died in 1945, (in 1953, during the Doctors' Plot trial both Shcherbakov's and Zhdanov's deaths were attributed to Jewish doctors in the Kremlin, in truth, they died either of alcoholism or by order of Stalin);
a typical NKVD building;
politburo member V. V. Kuibyshev (during the purges of the thirties his death was attributed to two Kremlin doctors, Levin and Pletnev. Levin, a Jew, was executed.)

My father was imprisoned when I was half a year old. His "criminal" offense was in the language of the KGB, "Schneersonski," namely, a Lubavitcher Chassid. After severe beatings in jail (he had broken ribs; I remember once in Israel after having an X-ray done on his chest because of pneumonia, a doctor in the hospital called the staff to see what they had rarely seen) he was sentenced to ten years of hard labour in Siberian labour camps.

With my mother I was more "fortunate." She was taken to prison when I was one and a half years old and sentenced as well to ten years in Siberia for "committing the same crimes against the state." She actually was "fortunate" as she was involved in financing and preparing false papers for many Chassidim in 1946 to enable them to leave Russia as Polish immigrants. If she had been caught for this crime her sentence could have been twenty five years in prison. She had a Polish passport for herself but gave it to a friend as she was "in more need for it" according to my mother, but that's a story in it's own right.

I remained with my grandfather, who was single at the time as my grandmother passed away during the blockade of former Leningrad by the Germans. My grandfather looked after me until about nine years later when my parents were released from prison with the death of Stalin. Till today I remember my grandfather's routine schedule. His day would begin early in the morning when he went to the *mikva* (ritual bathhouse) and, in later years, when the *mikva* did not function, he immersed himself in the ice of the nearby river, always mocked by a group of sailors. His preparation for prayer took a very long time, after which he studied the rest of the morning until the late afternoon prayers. He then took a short nap on the hard bench and after an hour or two would continue studying Torah until the evening prayers. His working day would start after the evening prayers. He earned his meagre income by repairing watches which he did very deftly. Even the local police would come to him for his services despite the fact that he spoke a very poor Russian. His working day ended late at night and at sun rise he was again on his feet.

He also spent some time teaching me *alepb-bet*, prayers and Torah. When the time came for me to go to school the only choice at the time was of course public school, which he flatly refused even upon pressure from the local authorities (apparently his working relationships with the police paid off). After two years, the threat of loosing his grandchild to the orphanage forced him to send me to school. However, he insisted and was successful that I not attend classes on Shabbat and Holidays.

The real pressure from the authorities began once my parents returned from prison. First was my mother, and she was called to the director as soon as she arrived. She played "dumb" insisting that she had just returned from prison, was living with her father and had little influence in the matter. To the question of where is the father, my Zaidy answered in his broken Russian to the effect that there is no father.

For a while this worked as I had excellent marks and there was more pity than anger about a good kid from a broken home and a domineering fanatical grandfather. As soon as my father returned, however, and it became known that there is a father, all anger poured out at once. The local newspapers ran articles (which my mother keeps to this day) about "spiritual child abuse" in "our midst" and how poor Isaac (my Russian name) is forced to study some outdated fanatical texts instead of playing soccer after school like all children. It all ended with a public trial at which my parents were fined and given an ultimatum to send me to school on Shabbat or be imprisoned again, while I would end up in an orphanage.

At this point we had little choice and I began to attend school on Shabbat, although it was the beginning of fifth grade and I was old enough to be instructed by my father on how to behave under the circumstances according to Jewish law. This continued for a year during which I very often "had accidents" with my right hand from "playing basketball" or "knife requiring hobbies" which somehow mostly happened on Friday, requiring tight bandages which prevented me from writing on Shabbat. Since the school only knew about the resistance to attend on Shabbat, nothing much was suspected and everything soon came to a relative calm.

At that point my parents decided to look for a more permanent solution to the problem. Fortunately, they had a doctor friend who was able and willing to help. Her plan was quite simple: find an illness that is either chronic or difficult to diagnose and she would look after my treatment. Such an illness was quickly found and I began grade six as a chronic "bed wetter," requiring therapy twice a week, a short session every Tuesday evening and a long session every Saturday. Every Saturday of my school life from there on was spent in the clinic where our friend was the director of the pediatric division. I was treated with hot sand bags, ultraviolet baths and other Russian medical state-of-the-art treatments to help cure me of "my problem."

This was the type of life we led in the former Soviet Union.

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FAITH IN THE CORRIDORS OF FEAR

The Story of Rabbi Yoseph Yitzchak Schneersohn's experience in Soviet Prison in 1927

In the middle of the night agents of the Jewish section of the Communist Party (Yevsektsia) had burst into the Rebbe's house, conducted an exhaustive search and terrorized the household. They then arrested the Rebbe, stating that he would be taken to prison for just a short period to be questioned, but the Rebbe and his family understood the great peril. The following is an excerpt from a direct translation of the Rebbe's personal journal of the events, translated by Rabbi A. Bentzion Metzger.

We arrived at Spalerno Prison. Nachmanson and Lulov *(two Jews of the Yevsektsia who arrested the Rebbe)* instructed our guards to carefully watch the "honoured citizens," me and my fellow passenger *(another prisoner who was being transported in the same vehicle as the Rebbe)*, as they hurried to the door guard. My fellow passenger is consumed with fear, he is white as snow, and is trembling. The soldier guarding him is watching him with "seven eyes," a Javelin in his right hand and rifle in his left.

I observe my fellow passenger's clothing, they are of a European cut, his fashionable attire is perfect, his costume complete down to the white silk gloves, but his face is frightening to look at and he seems about to pass out.

"Stand!" we are commanded. "Get off the wagon, honoured citizens!" The guards form a double line from the wagon to the door for us to pass through.

My neighbour gets off first as he is closer to the door and I don't rush to get up. I now realize that he is a foreigner as he doesn't understand the language and must be directed with hand motions.

After he is shown in, Nachmanson signals to Lulov, who turns to me and he says with glee. "Now take the trouble to walk, and I will take your bag whether you agree or not. Now you are our guest and you must obey our instructions."

"Yes, a great victory on your part, but I hope it will be for a short time only." I answer calmly and confidently.

"No speaking," one of the armed guards calls out. It seems he can't control his hate for Jews, especially one who is held in high esteem by religious Jews.

Nachmanson walked before me, two armed guards at my side and Lulov behind. Nachmanson walked quickly but had to stop to wait for me as I walked very slowly stopping every now and then to rest, as my legs were in pain.

"What about your promise to let me put on Tefillin and pray?" I asked Nachmanson. Nachmanson turned, his face livid, "Before you even walk through the door to fulfill the obligations required of you, you already make such demands?! It seems you don't want to recognize the reality of your situation or learn the rules of the prison. First you will be brought to the administrative office where you will answer all the questions on your form, then you will be brought to your cell where you will be allowed to pray. I think, however, that very soon you will become wise to the reality of your situation and you will forget all these foolish requests. Forget that you are a "Schneersohn," the honoured one amongst "those who pray to G-d," in fact you are an ordinary person who is being punished by incarceration or perhaps other penalties in accordance with your crimes. You have committed more than enough crimes against the working class, and now you will pay for them all."

I didn't respond, I only gave him a piercing look which had a greater effect on him than any response that I might have made.

"What do you think?" Said Nachmanson turning to Lulov. "When this 'Honoured Citizen,' that for decades has been enjoying the cream and fat of the Bourgeois, will come to our new 'pavilion,' to the Spalerno 'salon,' won't he enjoy the black bread and grits 'delicacies.' There he will leave his arrogance behind. There at the table he will speak, there he will offer information, there he will answer questions," and turning to me, "not so Honoured Citizen?!"

"What about your promise?" I said to Nachmanson, ignoring his comment to Lulov, "you promised me on your word as an officer of the G.P.U. that you would allow me to put on tefillin to pray. Why didn't you tell me at my home that you would not allow me to?! Of whom were your afraid?! Why did you give me your word?! Is this how an officer of the G.P.U. behaves?!"

A victorious smirk played on Nachmanson's face, a smile telling of the revenge he was enjoying. At that moment I realized that here was an officer of the G.P.U. whose task was, first and foremost, to throw fear into the prisoners and bring them to a state of confusion, fright and trembling which would make it easier to control them and extract any desired "confession."

I remembered a passage in *Reisbit Chocbmab* which describes two groups of demons at the gates of Hell calling "Come!...Come!..."

They handed me over to a guard who led me to a corridor and pointing to a large doorway at it's end, he told me to go through that door and approach one of the secretaries who would give me a form on which all questions must be answered.

The corridor was about 30 yards long by 7 feet wide, lined on both sides by locked doors. Small lights hung from the ceiling at every 15 feet and there were ten or twelve armed soldiers along its length at regular intervals.

Each of these guards was armed with a cassock javelin hanging across his back; in his left hand he held a gleaming sword and in his right, a rifle. They stood as still as stone statues; only their eyes followed my movements.

This unusual and frightening scene was meant to instill dread in any human heart.

A normal person would not understand the need for all these arms. For whom do they need all these tools of destruction? Where do they find these degenerates who would make use of all these weapons? Is it possible that a person would be such a beast to enforce his ways by resorting to such violence.

The deathly quiet, gloomy darkness, black walls and small lights, the "statues of destruction" with their strong, tall physique, broad shoulders, chiselled features, black and red uniforms, and ornaments: the javelin, sword and rifle, all create an image that overwhelm the eyes and terrorize the heart.

Questions raced through my mind as I slowly walked the corridor: Where is all this leading? For what purpose? What should I do? How will it all end...

I turned to enter the room that Nachmanson described as the room where everyone talks whether by will or by force.

I stepped across the threshold and gazed into a room approximately 18 feet square. Along three walls of the room there sat about 20 women, most of them writing and smoking. They faced the centre of the room, and on the other side of their tables stood the benches where the "guests" were brought to sit.

It was a strange sight. There were approximately forty people in the room: the twenty secretaries writing on long forms, and the twenty prisoners answering their questions either willingly or because of the force of circumstances. Nevertheless, silence prevailed. The questions and answers were exchanged in a very quiet manner. Only the scratching of the pens on the sheets could be heard...

"Sit citizen," said the stenographer. "Here is a sheet of questions. Answer each question clearly in the place designated."

"I have nothing to write," I replied. "This does not relate to me and I have nothing to answer."

"What?" inquired the secretary. "You do not wish to conform to the official procedure? It is an established law that each individual arriving here must fill out this answer sheet and clearly respond to all the questions."

"I did not come here to visit of my own free will, but was brought here. The persons who brought me are fully cognizant of my identity. What reason is there for me to do something that is utterly superfluous?"

"Do you forget where you are? Is your mind confused? Do you intend to institute new procedures in this department? What is your name?"

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THE THREAT TO THE REBBE'S LIFE

Even the saintly Rebbe wasn't spared from the torturer's abuse.

In the summer of 1927, at midnight of the 15th of Sivan, the Rebbe was arrested and placed in solitary confinement in the notorious fortress of the Spalerno prison of Leningrad.

The Rebbe's life was now in imminent danger, as a death sentence had already been passed.

Due to the pressures of prominent foreign statesmen, however, just in the nick of time, the Rebbe's life was spared and he was released from his incarceration on his birthday, the 12th of Tammuz.

Further intercession resulted in his release from Russia.

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"I am very much cognizant of the fact that I am a prisoner brought to Spalerno and my mind is in good order. Nor do I seek to institute new procedure. My name is Schneersohn. I live on 22 Machovaya Street, Apartment 12. I will not write any answers on the questionnaire. And you can enter the information given."

The secretary took the form entered the fact given and then continued, "What is your vocation?"

"I am involved in studies, the study of the knowledge of G-dliness known as Chassidut, and the study of Jewish Law and its observance in accordance with the Jewish religion."

"Religion! G-dly knowledge!"

"Yes! The knowledge of G-dliness. One G-d has created and formed all existence, and His Divine providence extends over all creations. The crawling creature in the sea and the small creatures in a desert wasteland, and mankind in civilized society."

"How can I possibly write such answers on the questionnaire?"

"Who compels you to write? As far as I am concerned, you need write nothing. If you desire to write, do so, and if not so inclined, then don't write."

Suddenly three men appeared at the threshold of the second room and gazed into this room. Their eyes searched the room... and upon noticing me, the expression upon their faces indicated that they had found what they sought. Their entrance cast a cold fear throughout the entire room. Though the guards in the centre of the room and the secretaries made no overt sound or movement, a definite change of atmosphere could be sensed in the room...

The secretary complained to the official who had approached the table. "I am unable to fill out this citizens' questionnaire since he does not provide any responses. He asserts that this is completely unrelated to him and he refuses to answer anything but his name, address and family title."

The official took the form, scrutinizing it for a few moments, and then turned to me, "You have not answered any of the questions in this form. You must fill it out completely. There is no other alternative." He spoke in a completely calm manner, like an administrator scrutinizing a report.

I responded, "I wish to take this opportunity to clarify whether the assurances of those authorized by your agency, or more precisely, the representatives of your agency, are trustworthy and if one may rely that their assurances too will be observed meticulously."

The official replied, "I do not understand what you are saying citizen."

"A representative of this agency who came to arrest me tonight assured me that I would be permitted to observe the Tefillin ritual and to pray. It is already an hour and a half that I am here and his word has not been kept. He told me on his own initiative that I would be here merely for a matter of hours and that upon my arrival, a number of high officials would ask me a few questions and then permit me to return home.

"I do not know his motive for saying this to me. I do not know if his motive was solely to calm the members of my household or whether it was his malicious intent to perpetrate this lie consciously. Frankly, I am totally unconcerned about his motive. I am a religious Jew. I desire to put on my Tefillin and pray...

"As to the questionnaire, I have already stated that I did not come here of my own free will, but was brought here by the emissaries of the G.P.U. I am certain that those who arrested me as well as the high administrative officials are aware of my identity.

"All I have to state is as follows: I am Rabbi Schneersohn, son of the famed Rabbi Schneersohn of Lubavitch. I bear the hereditary title of 'a citizen honoured for generations.' My birthplace is Lubavitch; I learned there in the Yeshiva and I subsequently lived for eight and a half years in Rostov and three years in Leningrad. My primary preoccupation is religious study. I am involved in the discipline of reflection upon G-dliness known as Chassidut and also concern myself with clarifying the laws and statutes of the Jewish people. I, like all other religious Jews have no link with politics. I have nothing else to state."

The firm answer, the clear response and my cold composure were all "natural vessels for that which transcends nature," and the official, as though reflectively talking to himself said, "What is written is adequate." He turned to the secretary and with light laughter, but with burning eyes, said, "Write as the citizen states."

Directing my question to the official, I asked, "And what of my Prayers?" He answered in a vain self-assertive manner, "You will receive an answer from the prison administrator of the division where you will be escorted for confinement." He stalked off restraining his rage.

The secretary took a new form and wrote my statement with great care and handed it to me for my signature.

Clockwise from top right:
The marble pavilion built to enclose the house where Stalin was born in Gori, site of the last remaining statue for Stalin in the Soviet Union.
Stalin became Lenin's protégé around 1911 and upon his request wrote an essay on the "nationalities question" which expressed an early antipathy toward Jews, this famous photo of Stalin and Lenin was supposedly taken at Gorky during Lenin's final illness.
Stalin's mother, Ekaterina did washing and baked bread in the homes of the rich (his father was a shoemaker)

I took the questionnaire and read it carefully. I drew a line through all the response places of the remaining questions to clearly indicate that these question were unanswered. After I had completed reading it, I signed the paper...

"Yes everything is in order," mumbled the secretary to herself as she glanced over the questionnaire, "very little was written but these words mean much." And as a look of pity crossed her face, she whispered to me, "perhaps you would like to send a message to your family, tell me and I'll find a way to let them know as soon as I get home after work."

I did not reply at all. The secretary gathered all the documents and told me to follow her.

"I must tell you that they are preparing very serious charges against you. I know that they have gathered much evidence against you. I know now who you are. They intend to punish you severely and the situation is very serious."

We climbed from ladder to ladder as she spoke. My feelings alternated between fleeting moments when it appeared to me that her words were lies intended to frighten me and then for brief instants to the impression that she spoke the truth. Who knew, perhaps there existed even within this secretary a small measure of human feeling. I will not deny that there were a few intensively difficult moments. My thoughts blurred, my heart pounded very rapidly, my knees buckled and an inner tremor passed through my entire body.

Miraculously, while a death sentence hung over the Rebbe's head, intense efforts on his behalf finally resulted in the Rebbe's release from prison on the twelfth day of Tammuz after suffering immeasurably for nineteen days in the notorious Spalerna fortress. Further intercession resulted in the Rebbe's emigration from Russia.

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ON THE SHORES OF AMERICA

In leaving the boundaries of the Soviet Union, Rabbi Yosef Yitzchak Schneersohn left his emissaries and their infrastructure of Jewish life behind.

These selfless activities continued to function and thrive, preserving and even spreading the teachings of Torah even after his passing, under the leadership of his successor, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, up until this very day.

Upon arriving in New York, Rabbi Y. Y. Schneersohn took on a no less formidable challenge: the frigid spiritual atmosphere of the western world.

From his wheelchair he rallied the Jewish young of America with the slogan that "America is no different"—that the timeless truths of Torah can take root and flourish even in America.

The Doctor's Plot and Stalin's Deportation Plan

"Arrest the Murderous Doctors," screamed the Pravda banner headline on January 13, 1953.

"Kremlin doctors, mostly Jewish, murdered top Soviet leaders and plotted against others, perhaps even Stalin himself," said the article.

A front-page editorial, entitled "Miserable Spies and Assassins under a Mask of Physicians," read:

"State security agents exposed terrorist doctors who murdered Soviet public figures through medical treatment. The accused...belonged to the international Jewish bourgeois nationalist Zionist spying organization... Documentary evidence, investigations, and confessions by the arrested have established that the criminals sabotaged their patients and doomed them by IMPROPER treatment...

"These monsters trampled on the sacred banner of medicine. This gang of anthropoid animals planned to eliminate the leaders of the armed forces and weaken Russian defenses."

The doctors were arrested and tortured to confess their "crimes." Russian historian Anton Antonov-Ovseyenko reported "The neuro-pathologist Grinshtein bore himself bravely.

"Grinshtein, a powerful man, was tortured by electric shock, savagely beaten, and his face mutilated. He was cruelly starved, losing 63 kilograms from his original weight of 100 kilograms. (Later, when he was released, he could not walk, and had to climb up the stairs to his home on his hands and feet.)"

For six weeks, the story of the traitorous Jewish doctors proliferated throughout Soviet society.

Stalin's widely publicized "doctors' plot" whipped up anti-Semitic hysteria to distract the rabble from other social concerns. The dragon's teeth had produced a rich harvest.

The frequent stories triggered a witch-hunt against "Zionist poisoners and spies." Every Jewish doctor, nurse and pharmacist was vulnerable. In Tashkent, a Jewish doctor was accused of trying to murder a baby. People believed that Jewish doctors injected their patients with cancer-causing agents, or syphilis. A story spread that a Jewish doctor had made a dog out of a boy. In the Ukraine, twenty doctors arrested were called "child murderers." Two hundred Jews were dismissed from Odessa University and all Jewish graduates of medical schools were sent to remote areas in Siberia.

Stalin's plan called for the doctors to be found guilty and sentenced to death in late March or early April. They would be hanged in Red Square on a circular stone platform next to the one Kremlin used in medieval times for executions.

Attacks on Jews would be orchestrated by the secret police. Jews would be shipped to camps east of the Urals. Jewish leaders at all levels would be set to spy on each other. The KGB would start killing the Jewish elite. Then the stage would be set to "get rid of the rest" in gulag labour camps and eventually the "Jewish problem" would disappear by attrition.

Above left: Dr. Miron Vovsi, chief physician of the Red Army and deputy chief of the Kremlin hospital, was the primary suspect in the Doctors' Plot. Above right: Dr. Yakov Rapoport, chief pathologist in Stalin's last years, was imprisoned six weeks after Vovsi's arrest and was released only after Stalin's death. The last survivor of the Doctors' Plot, Rapoport, now over 90, lives with his daughter, Natalia (pictured above) in Moscow.

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Meanwhile in Brooklyn: "Hurrah, Hurrah, Hurrah!"

It was in the year 5713 (1953), just over three years after the passing of Rabbi Yoseph Yitzchak Schneersohn and the appointment of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneersohn as the leader of Chabad. With the approach of each Jewish holiday the Rebbe was accustomed to publish pamphlets that contained unpublished writings of the previous Rebbe.

On the 21st of Teves (January 8), the Rebbe suddenly ordered the publication of a new pamphlet that contained an article by the previous Rebbe, beginning with the words, "G-d does not overburden his creation." The Chassidim were deeply puzzled by this surprise request.

In the main body of the article, the previous Rebbe wrote about the situation of the Jewish people in exile. He spoke of the ability of the Jewish people to withstand all the difficulties of exile even when it required the utmost sacrifice. "As it is our fate to experience the bitterness of exile," the article stated, "we certainly have the power to overcome the difficulties. Otherwise, G-d would not have decreed it."

Five days later, on January 13, 1953, one of the most frightening events of our generation began to unfold—"the Doctors' Plot." It deeply affected Jews behind the Iron Curtain during the darkest days of Stalin's rule. It began when the state-controlled media announced that a plot had been fomented by a group of "terrorist doctors," most of whom belonged to an "international Jewish organization." These doctors, the media reported, had plotted to assassinate many high ranking officers in the Russian Army and had already succeeded in killing two of them: Drs. Kortzchov and Zadnov. The arrest of all the doctors connected with the plot and their imminent trial was announced.

Most of the Russian intelligentsia, especially the Jewish doctors, knew that the report was a total fabrication. They understood that it was one more skirmish in the all-out war Stalin was waging against the Jews, but the announcement was enough to trigger anti-Semitic feelings far and wide. The riff-raff on the street didn't need any more encouragement to give vent to their darkest passions.

Propaganda in the Soviet media became stronger and stronger each day, and anti-Semitic incidents increased. Everyone waited with bated breath for the day of the show trial against the Jewish doctors. No one had any doubt that they would be found guilty and then the real threat to the Jews would begin. Jews throughout the Soviet Union were thrown into a state of confusion. Fearing for their lives, they were afraid to venture out into the streets; whenever they did, they were greeted with a barrage of insults and physical threats.

During those dark days, many knowledgeable Chassidim began to talk about a possible connection between the surprising action taken by the Rebbe and the terrible event transpiring far away on the other side of the Iron Curtain. The publication, after all, had come just five days before the announcement on the Russian radio. Perhaps the Rebbe had anticipated the crisis.

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A few months later, during the Purim gathering by the Rebbe, the mood was mixed, a combination of the joy of Purim and worry over the fate of Soviet Jewry. One always feels pain for other Jews who are suffering; and in addition, many Chassidim had family who still lived in the Soviet Union, which filled them with even greater apprehension.

At the Purim gathering, the Rebbe spoke words of Torah for many hours. Suddenly, he paused and appeared to withdraw into himself. Suddenly, the Rebbe's face began to light up and he related a story:

"It happened when the Czar was overthrown...elections were held. The Chassidim received instructions from the Rebbe, Rabbi Sholom Ber to participate in these elections. There was one devoted Chassid who was removed from worldly matters and knew nothing about politics. But inspired by the opportunity to fulfill the Rebbe's will, the Chassid went to the voting booths. Not knowing what to do, he just followed what other people did."

The Rebbe's face seemed to be on fire.

"And so, after voting, when it became clear that the Czar had been overthrown, he heard people shouting 'hurrah!' "

Now the Rebbe's face seemed to be in a state of total ecstacy.

"And so this Chassid also shouted, 'Hu-rah! Hu-rah! Hu-rah!' "

The Chassidim were shocked at this amazing story, then slowly its meaning began to dawn on them. Gradually, they joined in the Rebbe's chant and within seconds all the people in the synagogue were shouting, "Hurrah, hurrah, hurrah!"

Three days after Purim, on the 17th of Adar 5713 (March 4, 1953), Soviet radio made a dramatic announcement that shocked the entire country: two days earlier, late at night (at precisely the time that the Rebbe was delivering his discourse), Stalin became very sick and lost consciousness. The official announcement was made the next morning: Stalin was dead.

The sudden death of the tyrant resulted in the freeing of the Jewish doctors and made way for a new and somewhat easier life for the Jews of the Soviet Union. Many Jewish prisoners were freed, and Jew-baiting, both official and on the street, subsided.

In retrospect, people recalled the unusual chant, "Hurrah, hurrah," which would mean in Hebrew, "Hoo Rah—he is evil, he is evil!"

Photo Album

Previous Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Y. Y. Schneersohn (second from left) with his son-in-law and successor, Rabbi M. M. Schneersohn in 1943 soon after their arrival in America

The Rebbe in 1950 in Lubavitch, followed with his father-in-law soon after his engagement

Rebbetzin Chaya Moussia Schneersohn, wife of the Rebbe, Rabbi M. M. Schneersohn

The Rebbe soon after assuming the mantle of leadership in the 1950's.

In later years, the Rebbe at a farbrengen, Chassidic gathering

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A LESSON IN TREE CLIMBING

A few days before Pesach 5662 (Passover 1902), on Friday the 11th day of Nissan, in the city of Nikolayev, Russia, a son was born to Rabbi Levi Yitzchak Schneerson and his wife Chana. At the *brit*, circumcision, on Pesach, the baby was named Menachem Mendel after his great-grandfather, the third Rebbe of the Chabad dynasty of Grand Rabbis.

On the day the baby was born, Rabbi Sholom Dovber, the fifth Rebbe of the Chabad dynasty, sent no less than six telegrams with detailed instructions regarding the upbringing of the infant. According to these instructions, his mother was to ritually wash the baby's hands before he ate; she even washed his hands before nursing him. Indeed, he never ate in his life without first ritually washing his hands.

When he was only two year old, Menachem Mendel was already asking the four questions at the Seder. At two and a half, he knew how to pray like an adult.

At the age of three, as was customary in those days, he was sent to study in a *cheder*, Jewish school. Once, his mother came to visit him in cheder during recess. All the other children were trying without success to climb one of the trees that stood in the playground, but her son succeeded in climbing the tree in a few short minutes. "How did you manage that, Mendel?" asked his mother. "They look down, so they are afraid of falling, but I look up so I am not afraid," the little boy answered.

Indeed for the rest of his life, he was always to look up and was therefore never afraid of the most daunting challenges.

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A QUIET ACT OF COURAGE

One day when young Menachem Mendel was taking a walk with his mother on the banks of the Dnieper River, the weather suddenly changed and a raging storm came up over the river. His mother noticed a four year old boy surrounded by an excited crowd. The child was soaked to the bone. The boy's mother was emotionally telling the people around her what had happened:

"My son fell into the water, and he was drowning, but at the last moment an older boy, about nine years old, jumped into the river and pulled him out!"

Only then did Rebbetzin Chana notice that her Menachem Mendel was not at her side. She was filled with fear until, a few moments later, her son appeared, soaking wet—without saying a word.

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The Rebbe in his early years

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Growing up in the days of the short-lived Russian Revolution of 1905, was a time filled with pogroms when attacks against Jews were common. One day, when Menachem Mendel Schneersohn was four and a half, wild gentiles fell upon the Jews of Nikolayev, threatening their lives. The Jews escaped to various hiding places to wait until the danger passed. Menachem Mendel and his parents were hiding with other families with small children, but the children were making such a racket with their screaming and crying that they were all in danger of being discovered.

What did little Menachem Mendel, who was keenly aware of the danger, do? He went around to all the little children, gave this one a candy, that one a pat on the cheek, another words of love and encouragement, and succeeded in distracting them until the danger had passed.

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A Call from Afar

Almost thirty years ago, the Hasofer family, a product of the far-left Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz movement, had left Israel and settled in Tasmania, an island off the southern coast of Australia. The Hasofers were entirely secular, almost totally ignorant of Judaism, and they were not likely to meet other Jews in such a far-off place. Concerned that they would lose their connection to Israel, the family decided that they would learn several chapters of the Tanach, Bible, together every day. One result of their study was that Mrs. Hasofer, a psychologist by profession, began to perceive that every generation throughout history has had one unique individual who serves as leader of the entire Jewish people, be it Moshe, Moses; Yehoshua, Joshua; the Judges etc. From their study it was also obvious that this leader was endowed with special powers. Mrs. Hasofer began to wonder: was it possible that an individual like this existed in our generation as well?

One evening, during a particularly stressful time in their lives, Mrs. Hasofer was sitting by herself at home. Addressing the empty room she said, "If I am right, and there is a leader of the Jewish people today, and this leader can hear me because of his spiritual powers, I hereby ask that he help me become closer to Judaism." These words, uttered in an emotional state, were quickly forgotten, and the Hasofer family carried on with their daily lives and routines.

One day, three weeks later, Mrs. Hasofer noticed a Jew dressed in rabbinical-looking garb walking down the street—not exactly the most common sight in Tasmania. When she learned that he had just arrived from Melbourne, Mrs. Hasofer immediately invited the rabbi home and asked him to be their house guest. The next few days were filled with questions, as the family made good use of this opportunity to acquaint themselves with Jewish concepts. They even began to take upon themselves the observance of several practical mitzvos. The Hasofers' progress was so fast, in fact, that they soon decided to move to Melbourne in order to live in a more Jewish environment.

Who was this Jew who appeared out of the blue and ultimately led an entire family to do their heritage? It was none other that Rabbi Chaim Gutnick of Melbourne, Australia. What was he doing in Tasmania in the first place? As the Hasofers found out later, Rabbi Gutnick had received an urgent letter from the Rebbe, directing him to go to Tasmania. A Chassid does not ask questions but obeys immediately, and so, Rabbi Gutnick had hopped aboard the next plane. Mrs. Hasofer did not believe his story until he showed her the actual letter from the Rebbe. It was then that she understood that the Rebbe had heard her plea, made 19,000 miles away on the other side of the world, and sent Rabbi Gutnick to help!

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Greetings to the JRC and the couples at the Gala Wedding

Even One Hour!

Related by Rabbi Yisrael Haber, director of the Chabad house in Crispin, Ramat HaGolan

In 1980 during my days as a chaplain in the United States Army, I was sent to Alabama. On the way, my wife, Miriam and I stopped off in New York and merited a private audience with the Rebbe.

During the audience, the Rebbe asked me to go to Alaska (where I had once served as Chaplain in the army) and strengthen the spiritual needs of the Jews there. "How long should I remain there?" I asked the Rebbe. "Even one hour," he replied. I wondered, what could I possibly accomplish in one hour in Alaska.

When we left the Rebbe's office, we told our friends waiting outside what the Rebbe had said. We expressed our astonishment at the Rebbe's request that we travel to the end of the world "even for one hour." What could we do there in one hour, I asked my wife. And what was the meaning of the words "*even* one hour"?

We set out for Alabama, and on the Friday after we arrived there—during the time of year when the days were very long—on the Rebbe's orders, I took a special flight to Alaska, planning to spend Shabbat there. As soon as I arrived, I checked out various communal affairs and found that everything was in order.

On Sunday, about an hour before my flight home, two brothers who had recently arrived in Alaska came to meet with me. They told me that about six months earlier, their father had died and they were unable to recite Kaddish for him since there was no *minyan* in Alaska. They had heard that an Orthodox Jew had, by chance arrived that Friday and they had hurriedly come to meet me to discuss what they could do.

It was exactly one hour before my flight. I made a few telephone calls to friends and talked them into coming to form a minyan for the two brothers. I succeeded in convincing another friend to hold daily prayers in his home for the entire year. It took about an hour to complete all the arrangements.

I caught my return flight to New York at the last minute and arrived at the Lubavitch headquarters just as the Rebbe emerged from his small shul. I thought about the Rebbe's words, "even one hour," and the fact that in one hour I had succeeded in organizing a regular *minyan* at the end of the world. The Rebbe flashed a fatherly smile full of meaning in my direction.

The "Alaskan" *minyan* continues to function until this very day, all in the merit of "one hour."

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The Rebbe giving dollars for charity to a group of youth from the JRC

The Rebbe at the age of two in the Ukraine, Russia

The Rebbe's father, the great Kabbalist, Rabbi Levi Yitzchak Schneersohn

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THE FOUNDING OF THE JEWISH RUSSIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

In 1981, following a request by Rabbi Z. A. Grossbaum from Chabad Lubavitch of Ontario, Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman was sent by the Lubavitcher Rebbe to Toronto to act as spiritual leader of the growing Jewish Russian Community. This program was initially sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch. His mission was to help the large Russian Jewish population settling in Toronto to discover the depth and meaning of their religion.

The JRC, which was incorporated in 1985, would serve as the address for the Russian community's every need, be it physical or spiritual.

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From a modest beginning in 1985, the JRC has become a major factor in the lives of thousands of individuals and families. More than 25,000 Russian Jews reside in the Greater Toronto area. Most are involved in the programs and services provided by the JRC and receive its monthly Russian publication, Exodus, and English publication, Shofar.

Numerous ongoing educational programs are carried out under the leadership of Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, who is assisted by three Russian speaking Rabbis. The following pages include some of the activities which take place throughout the year.

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YOUTH PROGRAM. This program is geared to youth at the secondary school level and is conducted by two of our Rabbis who visit various schools on a regular basis.

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Congratulations to the JRC and best wishes for continued success.

WE NEVER LOOK BACK ON THAT PLACE WITH NOSTALGIA

An interview with Iosef Braverman

My wife and I are looking forward to two occasions in mid-June 1995. They are my fiftieth birthday and our *Chuppa*. We will celebrate the first with a few friends at home. For the other celebration hundreds of Jews in our community will get together to wish my wife and me Mazal Tov and make the *Chuppa* the Happiest Day of the Year. I want everybody to know that I highly appreciate this. I'll tell you why.

There have always been ethnic tensions between the Kazakh people, the Russians and the Jews in Karaganda, Kazakhstan, a republic in the former Soviet Union. The powers barred our people from practicing their religion. The synagogue was closed. Anti-semitism instigated by the powers increased with every passing year. The Jews started emigrating. By the time we left the country you couldn't really speak of Karaganda Jews as a community.

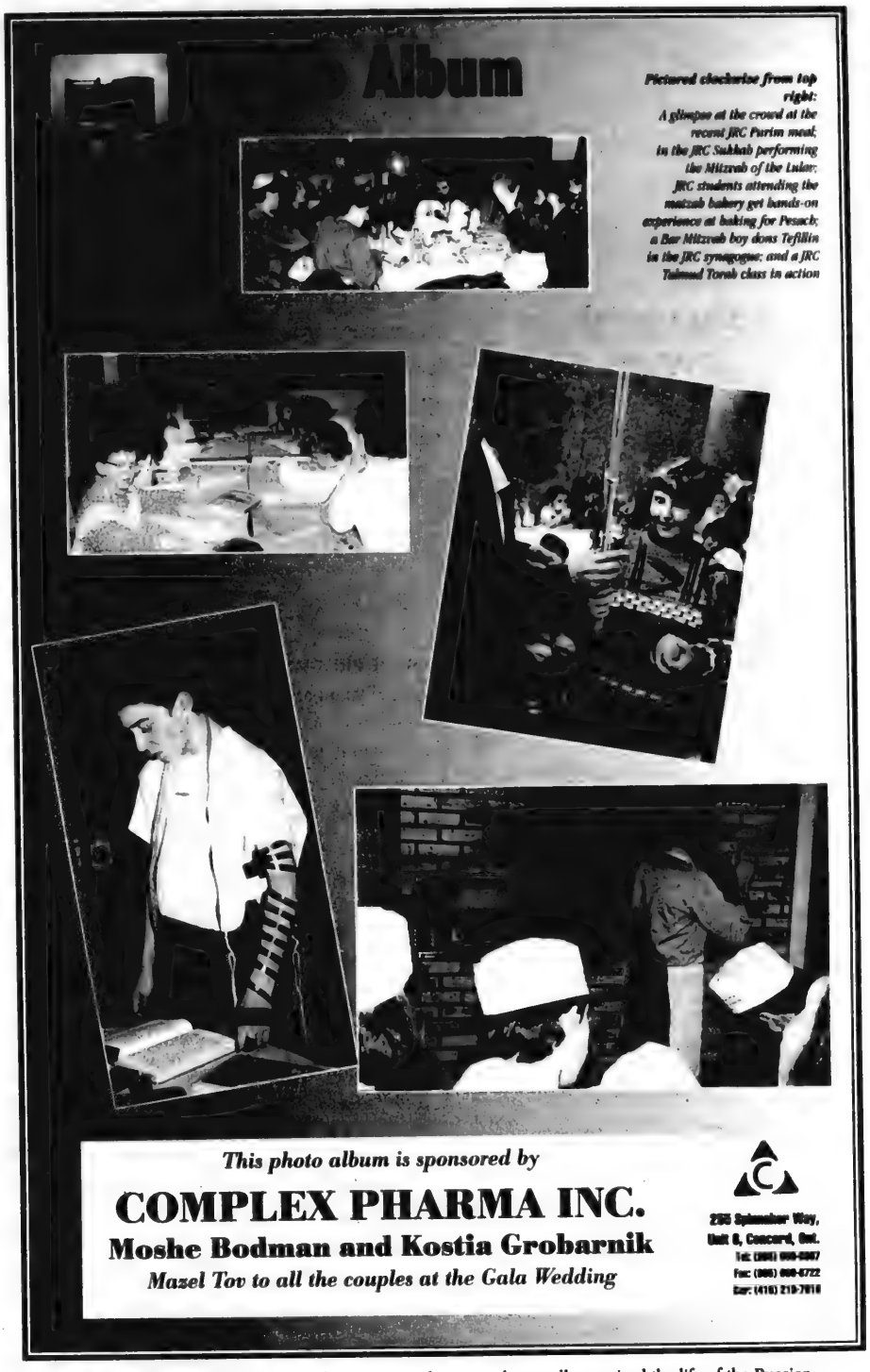
The Bravermans anticipate their chuppa.

In 1987 there was a fire in the laboratory where our daughter worked, due to the criminal negligence of the bosses. Our daughter got very badly burned in the fire. But instead of helping us to get adequate treatment for her, the bosses, in order to escape persecution, demanded that we should not tell anybody about what had caused her injuries. They even threatened us with death. We knew the danger was quite real.

"Clear out!" The anti-semites would say. "Move out and leave us alone!"

We listened and we emigrated to Canada. And I never look back on our place in the former Soviet Union with nostalgia.

In Canada I am at last one of a community of Jews. Here, in Toronto, religion keeps us together. I see how well organized the life of the Russian-Jewish community is. I know it well, as my daughter worked as a volunteer in the JRC. It is simply a wonder how Rabbi Zaltzman finds the time to speak to each of us, to find out what is going on in every family, to give advice and help, if necessary. It was he who asked us if we would like to participate in the Gala Chuppa 1995. It goes without saying that we agreed at once, and with gratitude, too. And Mazel Tov to the other participants of the *Chuppa*!



Pictured clockwise from top right: *A glimpse at the crowd at the recent JRC Purim meal; in the JRC Sukkah performing the Mitzvah of the Lulav; JRC students attending the matzah bakery get hands-on experience at baking for Pesach; a Bar Mitzvah boy dons Tefillin in the JRC synagogue; and a JRC Talmud Torah class in action*

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The children carry their learning and Jewish pride back to the adults of the household, inspiring them to rediscover the path of our ancestors.

The JRC Talmud Torah and full time Daycare programs offer a wonderful opportunity for children, from Russian speaking families, to learn about our Jewish heritage in an atmosphere of warmth and enthusiasm. Both the Daycare and the Talmud Torah have been established in response to the many requests from parents because only a tiny fraction of Jewish Russian youth had received even a semblance of Jewish education in the former USSR. Hands on learning is emphasized in the study of Jewish laws and traditions as students actively participate in a range of Mitzvot and holiday awareness programs. Social programs and activities help strengthen our children's friendship with their Jewish friends and their warm relationships with the staff of the JRC. Our teachers, all trained professionals with years of experience, emphasize a warm relationship with their students and effective communication between school and home.

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IT ALL STARTED WITH THE CHUPPA

In 1993, a week after we arrived in Canada, I started attending the Saturday services in the JRC's synagogue. Among the numerous children of all ages who came to the synagogue with their parents was a boy of twelve or thirteen whose name was Yonathan Khalimsky. He was surprisingly good natured and even-tempered. I never saw him fighting with other boys and it was clear that he enjoyed the respect of the other kids. Whenever we met, he always shook my hand, and I saw that he never missed the services in the synagogue.

I was also surprised to notice that every now and then on Saturday, he would be called to the *bima* to be the *chazan* for about one hundred adults. In fact, one Saturday morning, a friend of mine, a very religious man about 70 failed to understand a certain passage in the Torah reading. "Ask the Rabbi," I advised. "It's alright," he answered. "I'll ask that little guy, Yonathan Khalimsky. He knows everything."

Yonathan's mother, Rachel Khalimsky explains, "Our children, Yonathan and Dina do give us a feeling of pride and satisfaction. When I try to trace it back, to the time it all started, I feel convinced that the only explanation to the *naches*, joy we get from our two children is the fact that we started our married life with a *Chuppa* which took place in Israel.

"It was then that we received G-d's special blessing which directs our lives daily. There was no doubt in our minds to which school to send our children when the time came. Later on, when our children were already students in Jewish schools, they encouraged us to observe more mitzvot. Today as we look back twenty or so years to the former Soviet Union, when we were unable to even dream about our Jewish traditions and education, we see the tremendous changes that took place in our lives.

"We feel happy and sure that our children will continue in the footsteps of our great-grandparents. It certainly gives us a feeling of accomplishment, of filling the gap between several generations. Our present lifestyle, with the support of the JRC, helps us keep the family together."

Yonathon Khalimsky lighting the menorah with Zale Newman at the JRC's Chanukah program in the North York Ford Performing Arts Centre.

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JRC participants from "Purim" March break camp pose with JRC's Rabbi Shlomo Vorovitch;
JRC Daycare students happily at play;
Talmud Torah students practicing their play;
A student at the JRC Talmud Torah begins to learn the Hebrew alphabet;
Daycare children preparing a Purim presentation with Daycare co-ordinator, Bella Abramovitch

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TO RISE TO THE OCCASION

An Interview with Alex Dukhovny

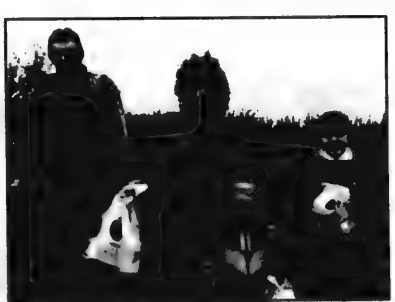
We know that there is going to be a Gala Chuppa in June this year. We wish the newlyweds all the best and wholeheartedly say Mazal Tov.

It is common knowledge that in the former Soviet Union all religious life was suppressed. Thus my grandparents were sent to prison merely for their religious activities. Such government policy could not but yield results. I saw with bitterness that the younger generation in that country became less and less observant or altogether G-dless.

Here in Canada I am trying my best to make up for that moral damage. And my priority is my children.

We have lived in Canada since 1990. Both our children were born in the Soviet Union. My son is twelve years old. Six months ago he had a brit, circumcision. In February 1995 we redeemed our first-born; every Sunday he attends Orah classes at the Associated Hebrew School and he reads the Torah. He seems to understand the importance of all this. My daughter is only seven but she can read Hebrew; on Shabbat and Jewish holidays she and her mother light candles, and so on and so forth. My wife and I attend the weekly Sunday classes, The King's Table, at the JRC. We do hope that our children will acquire the high moral principles which the Torah contains and will be guided in their lives by those principles.

When the time comes, G-d willing, we will see our son's Bar Mitzvah and our own children's Chuppahs.



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And they came to the JRC for help.

A MESSAGE FROM RABBI YOSEPH ZALTZMAN

Rabbi & Executive Director of the JRC

The purpose of the JRC is to bring the growing Jewish Russian community of over 25,000 individuals back to their Jewish roots. We spread the light of Yiddishkeit through a variety of educational programs which cater to all ages, from children to seniors. Our programs revolve around the Jewish calendar and special Jewish holiday events and are intended to meet the full range of individual and family needs. As our sages tell us, "The one who saves a single soul, is considered as one who saved an entire world."

At the JRC we have the opportunity to help thousands of souls rediscover their Jewish heritage. It is very exciting to experience this awakening of Yiddishkeit in so many individuals.

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JRC Landmarks in its Development

From the very modest beginning, the JRC has grown to be a vibrant, dynamic and successful organization. The following are the main landmarks worthy of mention:

1983 Yahrzeit program began • Exodus monthly Russian newspaper was published

1984 Pushke campaign started in the Russian community • Kolel Levi Yitzchak began

1985 The JRC Synagogue started services • JRC was incorporated

1986 The premises on 18 Rockford in Willowdale were acquired

1987 Completion of construction and opening of Synagogue and Community Centre

1988 JRC Youth Program commenced

1989 Synagogue Co-ordinator appointed

1990 JRC Talmud Torah began • First Annual Lottery launched • First Gala Wedding took place • Education Co-ordinator appointed

1992 Second Gala Wedding as major fundraising event took place • JRC Administrative offices opened

1993 Second branch of Talmud Torah opened • Third Gala Wedding took place • JRC Administrator appointed

1994 Program Co-ordinator appointed • Pre-school and Mindel Gelfand Day Care opened • JRC Shofar, English monthly newspaper published • Campaign Director appointed

1995 Mashiach Campaign Co-ordinator appointed

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JRC YOUTH PROGRAMMING

The JRC offers programs specifically tailored to the needs of youth going through the difficult teen years. These fun, stimulating programs include trips to New York, group Shabbatons, touring local attractions, informal discussion groups community service and a whole variety of interesting activities to meet many interests. The JRC Youth program nurtures each participant's sense of Jewish identity and commitment.

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COMMUNITY SYNAGOGUE

The JRC in addition to being a place to meet and learn, offers daily minyonim, including both an early and late Shacharit minyon, Mincha at sunset, followed by a short class and then Maariv. At the popular Shabbat minyon, the JRC's sanctuary is filled to capacity. The shul remains open throughout the day for people to drop by to learn, to merely sit in a Jewish environment and talk, or to get a taste of Yiddishkeit.

CIRCUMCISION OF ALL AGES. In the former Soviet Union, Jewish males were not permitted to have a Brit, circumcision. However, for these Jews now living freely in Canada, the starting point of their relationship to their Jewish heritage is often a Brit. Since the JRC opened, we have performed over 1400 Brit Milah for men of all ages, from 8 days young to 60 years. At times, the JRC even performs a Brit on both a father and son, or two brothers on the same day.

WOMEN'S GROUP. Several women in the Jewish Russian Community offer a wonderful service delivering cakes, candles and Shir Hamaalot cards to new mothers; organizing classes and planning special holiday activities and Rosh Chodesh gatherings for women. This group has come to play a vital role in the growing Jewish Russian Community.

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Mezuzah Campaign. To date over 5,000 kosher Mezuzot have found a home on door posts of homes and offices. Despite the fact that this mitzvah was relatively unknown in the Jewish Russian Community, hundreds of families currently phone during the year to request mezuzot be a part of their new home.

Bar/Bat Mitzvah. The JRC provides boys and girls reaching Bar/Bat Mitzvah age with the training and the educational tools to enable them to fully appreciate this important milestone in their lives.

Kashrut & Shabbat. The JRC has been instrumental in koshering many homes, dispensing Shabbat candles, providing important Jewish books and encouraging Russian Jews to give Tzedakah daily through the provision of Tzedakah boxes.

Tefillin Campaign. Through the efforts of the JRC Rabbis, men who were formerly totally unaware of any Jewish traditions are now putting Tefillin on regularly.

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THE HAPPIEST DAY OF THE YEAR: THE JRC GALA WEDDING

A natural progression of the JRC's successful educational programs was an increased awareness and renewed pride in Jewish traditions, fostered in the hearts of the Russians immigrants.

They thirsted to experience Jewish practices which could not be observed in the past, in a totalitarian regime which tried to alienate them from G-d and from the beauty of Torah. They thirsted to begin their lives afresh, to start over according to Halacha, Jewish Law.

Many couples, although married by civil ceremony in the former Soviet Union, wished for the opportunity to reaffirm their connection to their Jewish heritage by remarrying according to the Laws of the Torah.

The JRC provides this opportunity by conducting a multiple couple Gala Wedding, coined appropriately, The Happiest Day of the Year.

Just say the word "wedding" and you're likely to elicit whimsical memories and bring nostalgic smiles to faces. Pictures of joyous dancing, lively music and happy celebration immediately crowd the mind. Multiply the merriment by several and you're likely to find yourself at the JRC Gala Wedding!

It's with good reason that this special event has been coined "The Happiest Day of the Year." While every wedding is a special occasion, the JRC Gala Wedding is unique both in its quantity and its content. On Tuesday, June 13, 1995, several Russian couples will be married according to Jewish Law for their very first time. Though many of these couples have been civilly married for years, it is only now that they will receive a proper Chuppa and Kiddushin.

Up until recent years, Jews in Russia had been prevented from practicing religion freely and, as a result, many have been distanced from Judaism to the point that they have been robbed of the basic right to a Jewish wedding. Now through the educational efforts of the JRC, many Russian couples are feeling the need to rediscover their roots and their heritage. For some Russian couples , this means going back in time and literally starting all over again—with a proper Jewish wedding.

The JRC, which has been at the forefront of educating Russian Jews and bringing them closer to Torah and Mitzvot has sponsored three such Gala Weddings since 1990. On the Happiest Day of the Year, several Russian couples will become newlyweds for the second time—but this time in an everlasting, eternal Torah way. Indeed, for these couples, Tuesday, June 13, 1995 will mark their "Happiest Day of the Year." Make it yours too!

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WE ARE LEARNING FROM OUR GRANDCHILDREN

An Interview with Pavel Malinov

I was born in 1925 in Kremenchug, a town in the Ukraine, the USSR, on the River Dnieper. The 1931 Dnieper flood carried away all our religious books. There were no Hebrew schools or *yeshivas* there, so I learned but very little about Judaism. Then, in 1941, the war started. My two brothers perished at the front in the first months of the war. I was demobilized from the army only in 1947. Since our house in Kremenchug was destroyed during the war, I settled in Kharkov. A few years later I married Berta. Soon our son was born.

We had no *Chuppa*. All religious life in the Soviet Union was suppressed. One of the two fine buildings that once had been synagogues was used as a gym; the other, which was said to be the largest synagogue in Europe was turned into a planetarium...My wife and I did remember at least something about Jewishness, our children knew nothing.

Valerie Malinov

But we always looked forward to it.

Time flies...

In 1992, Berta and I emigrated to Canada where our son and his family had lived since 1990. That was where our return to our Jewish roots started.

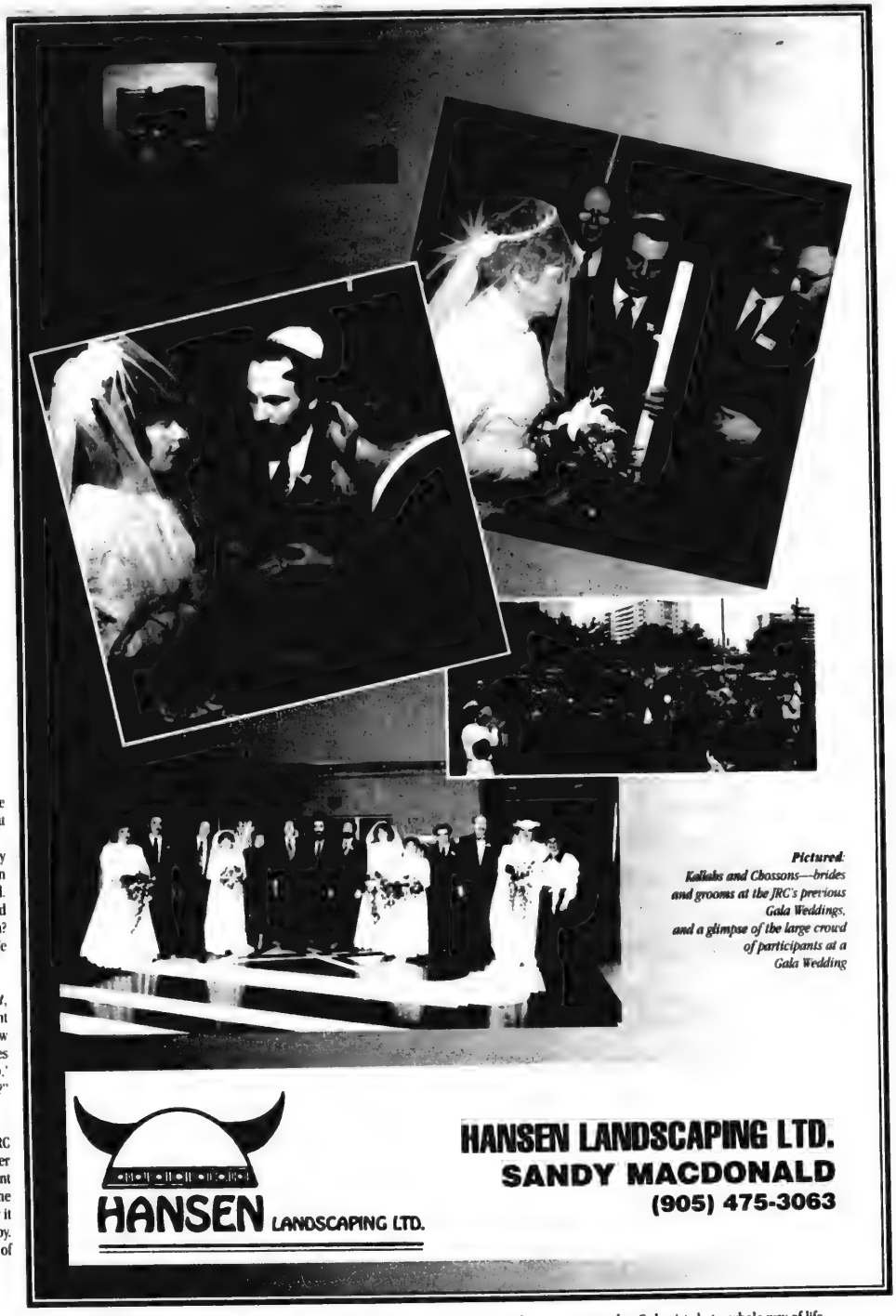
We frequented the synagogue. At the JRC library we borrowed the Torah in the Russian translation and read it very attentively from beginning to end. We are in a great hurry to make up for what we had missed. And who do you think helps us to learn? You'll never guess—it is our grandson Valery. We are learning from him.

He has missed nothing.

It was already here, in Toronto, that he had a *brit*, circumcision, at the age of three. Now he is eight years old. He is a student of the Associated Hebrew School. He helps us to learn. Valery often comes over and starts his class: "Granny, say '*Baruch ato*.' Grandad, what do we do on Erev Rosh HaShana?" He knows it all.

Now he and I go to synagogue together.

Not long ago Berta learned from Inna of the JRC that a Gala Chuppa is scheduled for June 1995. Her decision to stand under a *Chuppa* and her consent were instantaneous. Only then did she break the great news to me. My son and daughter-in-law say it is a wonderful example for them. I am quite happy. And my grandson, Valery seems to be the happiest of all.



Pictured:
Kallahs and Chossons—brides and grooms at the JRC's previous Gala Weddings, and a glimpse of the large crowd of participants at a Gala Wedding

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A LEARNING PROCESS

An Interview with Arkady Ulitsky

I was born in Kiev and my wife Diana Mostovoy was born in St. Petersburg. We are here in Canada for fifteen years now. I always knew that the JRC existed, but I never was personally involved at all until quite recently. Up until then my life was almost completely devoid of Yiddishkeit, Judaism.

My wife, Diana, was the one who drew our family towards Yiddishkeit. She is artistic by nature, whereas I am a scientist. Diana developed an interest in Judaism and searched out her roots, while I remained in her shadow. I remember thinking, what could religion possibly have to offer me, a scientist, a physicist?

This skeptism slowly changed due to a combination of components.

A series of articles printed in the Russian newspaper, Exodus, that is published by the JRC caught my attention. In it, the author, Alexander Poltorak, a very talented individual, expounded on the Jewish holidays and their meaning. The articles were quite extensive and spurred my interest...

Then there were meetings with Rabbi Zaltzman. Through our discussions, it slowly dawned on me how deep Judaism is. It was more than a statement that G-d exists but a whole way of life.

I was also intrigued by a seminar I attended on the Codes of the Torah, which to me, as a scientist, was extremely impressive.

These were some of the initial attractions that lead us to lead a more traditional lifestyle in keeping with the laws of the Torah. Slowly we began to observe Shabbat, and every week we refrained from driving. Then we switched our home to Kosher food. We began attending Rabbi Zaltzman's Sunday morning classes at the JRC. He suggested books for us to read. We became friendly with the staff of the JRC who were very patient and understanding with us. They tried to show and teach us what Yiddishkeit is all about. Although I am an expert at lasers and physics, Judaism was totally new to me and I had to start from the very beginning.

Diana and I are still attending the JRC classes regularly. Tefillin is now something that I do every day. Our daughter, who is almost six, attends the synagogue with us. She is enrolled in the JRC day-care and is learning a tremendous amount about Judaism. She is constantly asking us what blessing to make on her food and comes home with beautiful songs and stories. This child will receive a good Jewish education.

We have progressed very much in the course of the year. Still though, I realize that, in Judaism, the learning is an endless process.. I thank the JRC for being there and helping us in our journey.

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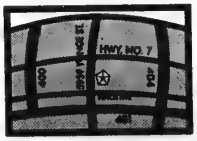

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At the end of this miraculous year of 1990, Israel experienced open miracles and wonders during the Persian Gulf War—a war and events that, as the Rebbe demonstrated to us, were prophesied in the Torah, as a prelude to the Messianic Era.

In 1991, the Rebbe informed us that all the suffering and self-sacrifice of centuries in galut, exile, would finally come to a complete close, with the dawn of a New Era, the Era of Mashiach. The Rebbe gave us a new mission: to prepare ourselves and the world for this new era by increasing in our acts of goodness and kindness. Mashiach is about to come, let's prepare to greet him!

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In 1843, the Russian interior ministry called a "rabbinical conference" in the capitol of Petersburg. At the conference, the Czarist government, abetted by the leaders of the "Enlightenment" movement, tried to use the forum to implement a program of forced assimilation for the Jews of Russia. In the course of the conference, Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Lubavitch (also known as the Tzemach Tzedek, 1789-1866) was arrested no less than twenty two times for his "treasonous" stand in defense of traditional Jewish life.

One of the leading Rabbis of Russia subsequently asked him: "Rebbe, how could you put yourself at such risk?! If you have no concern for your own life, think of the many thousands who count upon your leadership. How would your Chassidim survive without you?!"

Rabbi Menachem Mendel replied: "First of all they have my children. [Rabbi Menachem Mendel had seven scholarly and pious sons, to whom he delegated many leadership tasks. After his passing, his youngest son, Rabbi Shmuel succeeded him in Lubavitch while another four of his sons established branches of Chabad Chassidut in other towns in White Russia and Ukraine.] Second of all, with their brotherly love and unity, Chassidim will persevere until the coming of Mashiach."

The Lubavitcher Rebbe told this story at a farbrengen, a Chassidic gathering, to mark the one hundredth anniversary of the passing of Rabbi Menachem Mendel—his great-great-great-grandfather and namesake—on the thirteenth day of Nissan, 5726 (April 3, 1966). He then said:

"It is now one hundred years after Rabbi Menachem Mendel's passing. Nor do we have any of his children with us. This leaves us only the second option: if we remain united, we can survive anything. We can succeed in overcoming the darkness of Galut, exile, and achieve the ultimate redemption of Mashiach. We must, however, remain united."

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To date, the Jewish Russian Community Centre of Greater Toronto operates out of 5 different locations. Our Synagogue, Talmud Torah (held at two locations), Daycare and Administrative offices are all in different areas making it difficult to supervise and co-ordinate.

During High Holidays, over 5,000 of our community members attend services and actually cannot get into the rented premises which serves as an alternate synagogue. There are numerous plans for expansion and further programs which cannot be realized mainly due to lack of proper facilities and adequate space.

Therefore, our Board of Directors has approved, after much thought and deliberation, to embark on a building campaign to raise funds for the construction of the NEW JEWISH RUSSIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE OF GREATER TORONTO.

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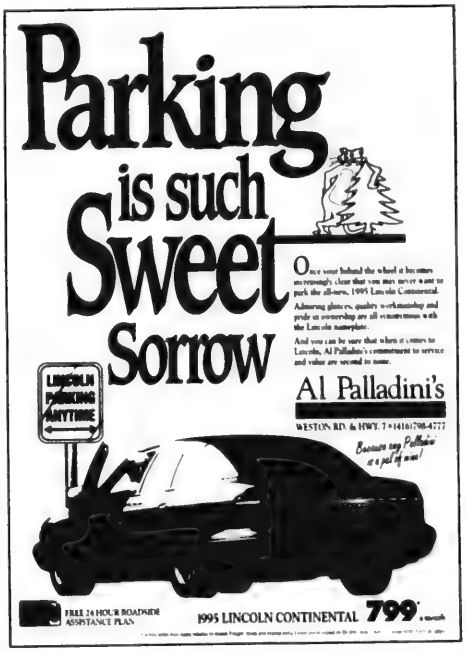

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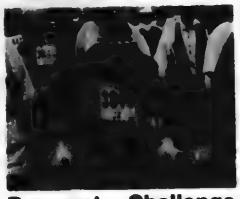

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Israel-Syria talks resume

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher wrapped up his 13th round of Middle East shuttle diplomacy last weekend, securing his main objective: the resumption of military talks between Israel and Syria.

Although the talks were essentially agreed upon last month, Christopher officially announced top-level military officials from Israel and Syria will resume their negotiations later this month in Washington.

Christopher, returning to Israel on Saturday night after meeting earlier in the day with Syrian President Hafez al-Assad, said the June 27 talks in Washington would bring together the chief of staff of the Israel Defence Force, Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, and his Syrian counterpart, Lt.-Gen. Hikmat Shihabi.

The talks are expected to last two or three days, Christopher said. After a break to allow the two sides to review the discussions, negotiations are scheduled to resume in Washington at a lower military level.

The resumption of military talks comes after similar negotiations in Washington in December were abruptly halted by Syria.

The two sides are trying to reach agreement on security arrangements for an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights as part of a peace deal with Syria.

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Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Prime Minister Rabin explaining to the press in Jerusalem the hopes for Christopher's mission last week. *[RNS photo]*

Terrorist may appeal ruling

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There's "a very good chance" that a convicted Palestinian terrorist will appeal last Friday's decision denying him refugee status, says his lawyer.

Barbara Jackman told *The CJN* Monday morning that the reasons cited by a two-member Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) panel "lend themselves" to an appeal in the eight-year-old matter of Mahmoud Mohammad Issa Mohammad.

After a closed-door hearing that dragged on for more than two years, the IRB panel turned down Mohammad's bid to stay in Canada, saying he does not qualify as a refugee, and even if he did, would be excluded from this country for having committed "a serious non-political crime," according to Southam News.

The ruling means Mohammad, 52, will be deported unless he appeals to Federal Court. He has 15 days from the date of the decision to file an appeal, Jackman said.

Jackman said she couldn't discuss details of the ruling, but claimed the IRB panel "made decisions that are not supportive of the law."

Mohammad slipped into Canada in 1987 after obtaining an immigration visa by lying about his past.

In 1968, as a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, he was involved in an attack on an El Al jetliner in Athens that killed an Israeli man. A Greek court sentenced him in 1970 to 17 years in prison.

But he was deported to Lebanon less than a year later in a hostage exchange after Palestinian terrorists hijacked a Greek airliner.

Ottawa began deportation hearings in 1988, after it was discovered that Mohammad had been granted permanent residence. The RCMP tried to spirit him and and his family to either Algeria or Tunis, but the clandestine operation was aborted after the Canadian Security Intelligence Service was tipped off.

In December 1988, following much uproar in the Jewish community, an immigration adjudicator ordered him deported for having lied to get a visa.

But Mohammad, who lives in Brantford, Ont., with his wife and three children, staved off deportation by claiming refugee status.

B'nai Brith Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress welcomed the decision denying Mohammad's bid to remain here.

"Accepting the claim of a convicted terrorist who lied [to enter] Canada and declared himself a refugee to avoid deportation would have made a mockery of our refugee determination system," congress president Goldie Hershon said in a statement.

Likud split threatened

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Last week's threat by former foreign minister David Levy to break up the opposition Likud party could dramatically reshape Israel's political landscape.

The Likud is in the throes of a dramatic and damaging split, with Levy on the verge of announcing the creation of a breakaway party.

Analysis

"We have been pushed out," was the popular MK's bitter comment last Monday night, after the Likud's central committee overwhelmingly endorsed party leader Benjamin Netanyahu's proposals for electing its candidates for the Knesset list in the 1996 elections.

Levy and his camp claimed Netanyahu's proposals were specifically designed to maximize the leader's hold on the party and to squeeze out Levy supporters from winning Knesset seats in next year's national elections.

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Next Week

A Jewish Students Association was formed at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo this year to bring together the campus' Jewish population, Frances Kraft reports.

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The News In Brief Everywhere

CANADA

Order of B.C.

VANCOUVER — The Order of British Columbia has been awarded to Isabelle Diamond, one of Vancouver's top fundraisers and an active Jewish community volunteer.

Diamond is one of 16 new inductees. The presentation was scheduled to be made June 13 in Victoria by Lt.-Gov. Garde Gardom.

Diamond has been active in State of Israel Bonds, Schara Tzedeck Congregation and the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver.

Honor for Rabbi Kelman

TORONTO — Rabbi Joseph Kelman of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue will be installed as the lifetime honorary president of the Lifschitz Teaching Seminary, Shiloh, at a ceremony in Jerusalem on June 25.

Guest speakers will be Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert.

The seminary is associated with Yeshivat Shiloh, a hesder yeshivah outside Jerusalem.

Fundraisers Honored

TORONTO — Two figures in the Jewish community have been honored for their service to philanthropy and fundraising.

Anne Tanenbaum was presented with the 1995 Outstanding Philanthropist Award by the National Society of Fund Raising Executives (NSFRE), Greater Toronto chapter.

Ken Wyman, one of Canada's foremost consultants and trainers in fundraising and volunteerism, was named Outstanding Fund Raising Executive by the NSFRE.

Tribute to Vickars

WINNIPEG — State of Israel Bonds last month honored longtime supporters Marion and Ed Vickar with the President's Club Award at the Winnipeg Convention Centre.

Originally from Melfort, Sask., Ed Vickar, now retired, was one of Winnipeg's leading car dealers.

Canadian JTS Grads

NEW YORK — Two Canadians have graduated from the Jewish Theological Seminary here. Carnie Shalom Rose of Winnipeg received rabbinic ordination. He will become an assistant rabbi in Columbus, Ohio.

Anna Urowitz-Freudenstein of Toronto received a master's of philosophy degree. She will continue to work toward a doctorate in Midrash.

U.S. Vice-President Al Gore was keynote speaker at the May 18 commencement.

ISRAEL

Hamas Arrests

JERUSALEM — Israeli security forces last week arrested some 45 members of Hamas.

They were suspected of planning to detonate a car bomb in Jerusalem, kidnap Israeli soldiers and hijack an Israeli bus, according to an Israel Defence Force statement.

The arrests came after a shootout in Hebron, in which Israeli soldiers killed a Hamas member who was on Israel's most-wanted list.

Jordan Has Office

JERUSALEM — Jordan has established a diplomatic office in the Gaza Strip.

Other countries with envoys in Gaza are Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Greece and Turkey.

No Help: Red Cross

JERUSALEM — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) will not bargain for Israeli prisoners of war, dead or alive, because doing so would contradict accepted procedure, says ICRC president Cornelio Sommaruga.

Sommaruga, who met the families of Israeli MIAs here last week, said, "We will do what we can to help the families, but there are great difficulties in this part of the world, especially with the different factions in Lebanon."

Rethinking Costs

JERUSALEM — Israel's defence costs are about a third higher than previously thought, the Bank of Israel announced last week.

A bank committee found that defence costs in 1993 were 4.3 billion shekels ($1.4 billion US) higher than the Central Bureau of Statistics' published figures.

The defence burden reached 18.5 billion shekels ($6.1 billion), or 14.3 per cent of the gross domestic product.

Cost of Emigrants

JERUSALEM — Those who immigrated to Israel between 1990 and 1994 and then left cost the state some 180 million shekels ($60 million US), according to a Treasury estimate.

The estimate says about 30,000 people who arrived in the four-year period, or 5.5 per cent of the total number of immigrants, later left the country.

Immigrants who leave within five years are obliged to repay any grants, loans or tax exemptions they received as absorption benefits, but the state rarely recovers those payments.

WORLD

Headstones Smashed

LONDON — British Jewry was on alert last week, after more than 90 headstones in two Jewish cemeteries here were smashed.

Scotland Yard said sledgehammers and pickaxes were used to destroy headstones in the East London and Humberside cemeteries. Police conducted house-to-house inquiries and have appealed for witnesses.

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Sandra Brown new Federation head

'Must embody a system of ethical values'

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Sandra Brown

TORONTO — Bernard Ghert, outgoing president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, has passed the torch to Sandra Brown.

Brown was elected president of Federation by acclamation at its annual general meeting last week.

The only other woman to have held this position was Rose Wolfe, who was president of the Toronto Jewish Congress, the predecessor of Federation, in 1978-79.

Brown, who has held many executive positions during her 27 years as a volunteer, told *The CJN* she "agonized" about taking on the presidency because of the enormity of the responsibility, but one of the reasons she accepted was to pave the way for other women leaders.

"There are not that many women who have an opportunity to hold leadership positions. And by not accepting, I might have prevented other women from having the same opportunity," she said.

Another gain for women at the meeting was the approval of a *get* amendment to Federation bylaws. Essentially any man refusing to give his wife a *get* will be prohibited from serving as a director or a representative on the Federation Council.

Strengthening Jewish values and making them the basis for decision-making at Federation was a common theme at the meeting.

In her acceptance speech, Brown told the audience of 200, "A Jewish federation must embody a system of ethical values ... I dream that our Jewish values will be at the core of every thing we do."

"We have to make sure we have a Jewish federation, not just a federation for Jews," Ghert said in his report summarizing the activities of Federation and some of the issues facing the organization in the second year of his presidency.

He said the restructuring of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) into three independent centres last summer was time-consuming and costly.

As a result, Federation has established policies and guidelines to tighten the financial accountability of all the agencies affiliated with it, he said.

Ghert also reported he was proud that a computer program designed at Federation has been marketed to other Jewish federations in North America and Europe.

All those elected as delegates to Federation Council and representatives to the board of governors and board of directors won by acclamation.

Distinguished volunteer recognition awards were also presented at the meeting. The Ben Sadowski Award of Merit for an outstanding community leader went to York University professor Sydney Eisen for his contribution to the growth of Jewish studies in Toronto.

Eisen was instrumental in setting up the Jewish Studies program at York when he was Dean of Arts and he was the guiding force for the establishment of the York's Jewish Teachers' Education Program and Centre of Jewish Studies.

Eisen, who received a standing ovation, said education is the key to fostering Jewish continuity and "the best guarantee for later commitment and a love of Israel," with the training of Hebrew and Jewish studies teachers playing a pivotal role in this process.

The Shem Tov Award, presented annually to leaders representing the highest levels of excellence in volunteer service to Toronto, went to Rosanne Ain, Robert Berkovitz, Garry Foster, Elly Gotz, David Green, Aaron Landau, Beverly Lyons and Dr. Marvin Nash.

The Leadership Development Awards, established to encourage the assumption of community leadership roles by young men and women, were presented to Barbara Bank and David Barkin.

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From coast to coast

Community 'hopeful' after Ontario election

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish representation in Ontario's legislature dropped by one member following last week's Progressive Conservative sweep of the province.

There will be three Jewish MPPs — and, observers agree, a good chance of a cabinet minister — after Mike Harris is sworn in as Ontario's 22nd premier.

Voters dealt the governing New Democrats a stinging rebuke by reducing their majority to just 17 seats, while Harris's well-oiled campaign covered the map with blue, jumping from third place to a commanding 82 seats and 45 per cent of the popular vote.

Perhaps the biggest disappointment was the performance of Lyn McLeod's Liberals, who led in the polls early in the campaign but nosedived to wind up with 30 seats.

For the Jewish community, the Tory juggernaut translated into a loss for former Liberal cabinet minister Steven Offer, who went down to Conservative John Snobelen in Mississauga North.

Offer, first elected in 1985, told reporters last week he hadn't yet thought about returning to his law practice.

And there was something of a surprise in the province's most Jewish riding. Former cabinet minister Monte Kwinter managed to hang on to Wilson Heights for the Liberals. In the end, Kwinter polled nearly 11,000 votes to just over 8,500 for Tory newcomer Sam Pasternack, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. Pasternack called it "a very respectable showing."

Next door in Willowdale, Conservative justice critic Charles Harnick defeated former Canadian Jewish Congress national president Les Scheininger, billed as a star candidate, by nearly a 2-1 margin.

Harnick told *The CJN* his team "over-estimated" Scheininger, and "that just propelled us to work even harder."

Harnick ducked a query on whether he's poised to become attorney-general, as has been widely rumored.

"I'm ready and anxious to do whatever I'm called upon," he said.

For his part, Scheininger said he had a sense things would get "difficult" for him in the campaign's final weeks.

There was another tight race in Oriole, where former Liberal health minister Elinor Caplan hung on to her seat by just over 1,000 votes, fending off a strong challenge from Tory Paul Sutherland.

Based on Harris's earlier statements, the Jewish community is "hopeful" the new government "will be positively disposed to funding independent and religious schools," Moshe Ronen, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress's Ontario region, told *The CJN*.

Harris has been "no more or less precise" on the issue than the other party leaders, but he seems "more open-minded" about government funding for Jewish day schools, which is now before Canada's Supreme Court.

"He has shown a desire to look at the issue, and we're excited about that," Ronen said.

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From coast to coast

Orthodox rabbi fights for human rights in Israel

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With typical British understatement, Rabbi Isaac Newman describes reactions to his involvement in Rabbis for Human Rights, an Israeli watchdog group which won the 1993 Knesset Speaker's Award for Quality of Life.

"People are surprised that Orthodox rabbis are interested in human rights," he says.

Surprise is likely the mildest reaction that Rabbi Newman, 71-year-old past chair of the organization and one of only eight Orthodox rabbis among its 80 members, has encountered.

"Derision is not putting it too strongly — I would add the word 'hate,' " he admitted in a recent interview in Toronto. Rabbi Newman was referring to the attitude of congregants at the Jerusalem synagogue he still attends, albeit less frequently than he used to, preferring to pray in a less hostile environment.

Shomrei Mishpat, as the organization is known in Hebrew, was founded in 1988 to protect human rights both in the territories and within Israel's Green Line. Member rabbis have spoken out and interceded on issues including deportation of Arabs, house demolitions, arbitrary arrest and imprisonment without trial.

In Nablus, the group was instrumental in having an Arab home rebuilt by the Israeli government after it was "demolished by mistake." The rabbis were invited to the "*chanukat habayit*" (housewarming).

Rabbi Newman deplores the "double standard" applied to Jews and Arabs. "Baruch Goldstein's house remains sound with his family living there with all his possessions," he said. (Goldstein was the settler who killed 29 Palestinians at prayer in a Hebron mosque in February 1994.)

Rabbi Newman has been a member of Rabbis for Human Rights for the past six years, ever since he and his wife made aliyah from London, where he served as a congregational rabbi. All 10 of their grandchildren are sabras.

Rabbis for Human Rights was formed in order to "fill a void," said Rabbi Newman. "Unhappily the established authorities in the religious world [had been] silent."

Extended curfews which prevent Arab workers from entering Jerusalem are among the group's current concerns. "The people responsible for the atrocities have not been the people who've been prevented from entering Jerusalem. For example, suicide bombers have not been the people who have work permits," said the rabbi.

"I believe the ultimate security can only be friendship, and creating bridges with our neighbours."

Rabbi Newman is wont to quote the sage Hillel, with what has become his own creed: "What is hateful to you, don't do unto others."

Vivien Sharon installed as Toronto Hadassah head

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Vivien Sharon was installed last week as Toronto Hadassah-WIZO's 34th president.

Sharon, 42, vowed to strengthen membership, develop leaders, raise more money and better promote understanding of the women's charitable organization and its 78-year history.

Hadassah-WIZO membership across the country stands at 17,000. Toronto is the largest centre, with 3,500 members in 72 chapters.

Vivien Sharon

The organization raises funds for educational, social and medical projects in Israel through yearly events like the Hadassah Bazaar, which last fall raised over $300,000.

"When I get involved, I really get involved," Sharon said in explaining why she sought the two-year presidency. She replaces Fran Sonshine.

A Shachar chapter member, Sharon takes over just as Hadassah-WIZO is introducing two fund-raising campaigns: a July 27 golf day and a Nov. 5 tribute dinner for Maureen Kempston Darkes, the president and general manager of General Motors Canada. The dinner alone is expected to raise over $200,000 for battered women in Israel.

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Pollard's parole hearing delayed

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The parole hearing scheduled last month for imprisoned spy Jonathan Pollard has been put off until September, Pollard's wife said here recently.

Had the hearing been held in May, it would have failed because of "the sheaf of negative recommendations" in Pollard's file from the American defence and intelligence establishments, Esther Zeitz Pollard told the Sephardi Discussion Group.

In fact, Pollard, convicted of passing secrets to Israel, stands "no chance" of being paroled, and his only hope for freedom is a U.S. presidential commutation, said Zeitz Pollard, who lives in Toronto and announced her marriage to the world's most famous prisoner last year.

In refusing to commute Pollard's life sentence last year, U.S. President Bill Clinton said the spy had caused harm to American security.

That, and allegations that Pollard's actions resulted in the deaths of U.S. agents, are "absolutely false," said his wife, citing what she called new evidence.

Recent calls for Pollard's release from the top Jewish organizations in the United States don't necessarily translate into action, she said.

Clinton, she noted, has turned down personal pleas on Pollard's behalf from Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin three times. "This is an ally?" she asked.

A one-time U.S. Navy intelligence analyst, Pollard was arrested in 1985 and sentenced two years later to life, despite a promise of leniency in return for a guilty plea.

In Israel, she said, her husband is known as "the ghost of the sealed rooms" because the information he passed on helped Israel prepare for the Gulf War.

"There has been no damage and there are no bodies," she said. "So why is Jonathan Pollard still in prison?"

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אויפן טאָג-אָרדענונג ייִנעץ געשטאַנען וויכטיקע פּראָבלעמען, צווישן וויִ: ייִדישער המשך; קאַמף קעגן אַנטיסעמיטיזם אין רעסט פֿון קאַנאַדע; די מעדיע; נאַציאָנאַלע אייניקייט; סאָציאַלע פּראָגראַמען; די עקאָנאָמישע וויקלעקניש אין שלעכע פּראָווינצן, האָט אויך נוצע דעם ייִדישן ישוב בסדר אין קאַנאַדע בכלל, אייניגערעכט דעם אייניקייט-פּראָבלעם אין אָנטאַריאָ לאַנד. אויך האָט דער צוזאַמענאַר גערעטט נעמען אַ שטעלונג וועגן דעם שלום-פּראָצעס אין ישׂראל; וואָלונטיִרן פֿון ייִדלעך-ייִדנטום; אין אַלגעמיין, וועגן סאָציאַלע באַציִונגען, אין קאַמף פֿאַר שלום איבער דער גאַנצער וועלט.

גרויס אינטערעס בייַ אַלע דעלעגאַטן האָט אויסגעוויזן דער פֿאָרמעסט פֿאָרן אָמט פֿון נאַציאָנאַלן פֿורעמיצט אין פֿון די אָנדערע נאַציאָנאַלע אָמטן.

צווישן די זעלן-פֿונקטן איז געווען די רעדע פֿון אָנטקגייענדיקן קאָנגרעס-פֿורמיצמן, אירווינג אָבעללע. ער האָט אויסגעוויזן אויף וויכטיקייט פֿון דער קאַנאַדער רעגירונג צו דער ייִדישער פּראָגע וויינט-צו-טאָג אין מיט 50 יאָר צוריק, וועגן די טויערן פֿון קאַנאַדע ייִנעץ געווען געשלאָסן פֿאַר די פּליטים פֿון נאַצים. אַ שטאַרקן אייַנדרוק האָט אויך גענאַכט די רעדע פֿון קאַנאַדער אָרבעטס-מיניסטער, פּרוי לוסיען ראָבילאַרד. זי האָט געזאָגט מיט באַגייסטערונג וועגן אירע יאָרן אין אַ ישׂראל-קיבוץ (1972-1969).

צווישן די אָנדערע רעדנערס ייִנעץ געווען: יוסי ביילין, וויצע אויסערן-מיניסטער פֿון ישׂראל; אָרט עטלעזאָן, מיניסטער אין קאַנאַדער קאַבינעט אָן פֿאָרמיצער פֿון דער טרעזשורי באָארד; שילאַ מיניסטאָן, שטאַבס סטקרעטאַר פֿאַר מולטיקולטוראַליזם; געוועזענ פֿרייבורג, אָנטקגייענדיקע פֿורמיצמען פֿון אַנטעריאָ ראַיאָן פֿון קאַנאַדער ייִדישן קאָנגרעס; ראַבי גוטסטיין פֿלאָט, פֿון „האַלי בלאָסאָם" טעמפּל; עדגאַר בראָנפֿמאַן, פֿורמיצמען פֿון ייִדישן וועלט-קאָנגרעס, אין נאָך אנדערע.

בייַ די וואָלן פֿאָר אַ נאַציאָנאַלן קאָנגרעס-פֿורמיצמען איז אָנגענומען אַ שאָרפֿער פֿאָרמעסט צווישן די צוויי קאַנאַדיאָנען: פֿרוי גאָלדע השרשאן אין טאָמאָ העכט, ביידע גוט-באַקאַנטע אַקטיוויסטן אין דער ייִדישער אין קאַנאַדער שטנטלעכקייט. עס ייִנעץ אפֿילו געווען באָשולדיקונגען וועגן נישט-אָרנטלעכע מיטלען, מיט וועלכע שטיצער פֿון די קאַנאַדיאָנען האָבן זיך באַנוצט. מיט אַ קלייַנער מערהייט (אייניקע זאָגן בלויז 16), איז דערוויילט געוואָרן גאָלדע השרשאן. אין איר אָפּצופֿטרונג-רעדע האָט זי צוגעזאָגט וויייטער צו קעמפֿן פֿאָרן ייִדישן ישוב דאָ אין איבער דער וועלט. זי האָט אויך דערקלערט איר שטיצע פֿאַר קאַנאַדער פֿעדעראַלער אייניקייט, וויִ אויך פֿאַר די שלום-פֿאָראַנדלונגען צווישן מדינת ישׂראל אין אירע אַראַבישע שכנים.

גערדא פֿריבורג איז דערוויילט געוואָרן אָלס נאַציאָנאַלער וויצע-פֿורמיצמען. משה ראַנען, אַן אָנהאַנגער פֿון מאָנטריאָל, איז דערוויילט געוואָרן אָלס פֿורמיצמען פֿון אָנטעריאָ ראַיאָן.

דער צוזאַמענאַר האָט אויסגעדרוקט אינטערעס אין גאַנצן לאַנד. די טעגלעכע קאַנאַדער צייטונגען, טעלעוויזיע אין ראַדיאָ האָבן געוויזעט געהעריקן פּלאַץ צו די פֿאָראַנדלונגען.

Dry Bones

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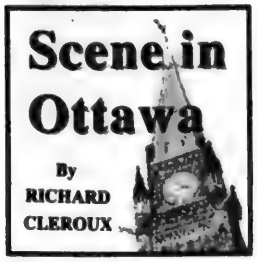
Gray enjoys the fun of politics



OTTAWA — One day, a little more than four decades ago in Windsor, Ont., a young man approached the old Liberal political warhorse, Paul Martin, who was then minister of Health and Welfare, and told him that he wanted to make politics his life.

The man replied that if the boy worked diligently and learned his politics well, he might some day aspire to make it to Parliament, and perhaps even into the cabinet.

The youth took his mentor's advice to heart, worked long and hard, and today Herbert E. Gray is not only in the federal cabinet as solicitor general of Canada and government House leader, but he also holds the record as the dean of the Ottawa parliamentarians, the longest-serving MP in the Commons, an unbroken 33-year record that goes all the way back to the general election of 1962.

He also holds the distinction of being the first Jew to be sworn in to a federal cabinet in Canada, on Oct. 20, 1969, as minister without portfolio in the first Pierre Trudeau administration.

Gray grew up in Windsor, the son of local department store owner Harry Gray, whose family had come from Belarus at the turn of the century. His mother was the late Fannie Lifitz. People remember him working in the family store during school holidays.

Although he attended McGill University and Osgoode Hall Law School, Gray never forgot his family roots in Windsor nor his Jewish identity.

Gray doesn't make a big production out of being Jewish, but he did wear his yarmulke at his official swearing in as a member of the Jean Chrétien cabinet and posed for the official photograph with his head covered.

In Ottawa he lives in the Alta Vista neighborhood near the Machzikei Hadas Synagogue on Virginia Drive so that he can easily walk to synagogue on the Sabbath. He maintains a second home in Windsor, which is also close to a synagogue he attends.

When Gray sneaks off occasionally during the noon hour on weekdays to do a little shopping at The Bay in the downtown Rideau Centre mall, his aides joke that young Herb is still checking out the competition's prices for his dad. Actually, he's shopping for himself, which he likes to do, and often returns to Parliament for an afternoon session laden with a huge bag full of rock 'n' roll CDs.

Gray is a man of secret passions. Rock 'n' roll is one of them. He is a big John Cougar Mellencamp fan. His daughter Elizabeth's friends used to compliment her on her "cool" record collection. "It's my dad's," she would have to answer.

The House of Commons security guards tell stories about the old days when they would catch him still at work in his Parliament Hill office in the middle of the night, with a tape recorder playing rock 'n' roll songs full blast. Headphones solved the problem.

Gray is an accomplished pianist, and still plays frequently — in private. He is often seen riding his bicycle around his neighborhood.

His reputation for secretly being a great comedian goes back several years. During an inter-regnum between John Turner and Jean Chrétien, Gray found himself interim party leader and it fell upon him to deliver a "funny" speech to the Annual Press Gallery Dinner.

Unexpectedly, Gray stole the show that night, unleashing a riotous series of self-deprecating one-liners that had the gallery's hardened, ink-stained wretches rolling in the aisles, chanting "Herb! Herb! Herb!" as if they were endorsing a leadership candidacy. They had discovered that beneath the taciturn, dull, plodding exterior they knew, lurked a Jackie Vernon in the making.

A legend was born that night. Gray instantly became an "in" color on Parliament Hill. A leadership slogan was invented — "Paint the Town Gray."

At the last Press Gallery dinner, Gray was portrayed in a video spoof as a Parliament Hill's new sex symbol. (He had actually scored quite high in a *Hill Times* newspaper poll, in which respondents were asked to name the sexiest MP.) The gallery dinner take-off showed Gray fighting off a legion of female fans as he shouted, "Leave me alone," and waved his umbrella threateningly at them.

For Gray it was all part of the fun of politics.

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Martin Buber, as individual

Philosopher, theologian, teacher and leader, Martin Buber was an original thinker of immense proportion. He was born in Vienna in 1878 and died in Jerusalem on June 13, 1965. In this issue, we commemorate the 30th anniversary of his passing through a personal reminiscence by Emil Fackenheim.

Buber's ideas and theories were not universally accepted. In fact, they were regarded by many not merely as controversies, but as heresies. For example, his early call for a bi-national state was scorned by political rightists and leftists alike. His personally liberal interpretation of Judaism was condemned by many Orthodox. And his advocacy of reconciliation with postwar Germany was resented by a broad spectrum of the population.

But his death struck Israel like a thunderclap. The first person to come to the family's house after the announcement of his death was Zalman Shazar, the president of Israel. Next came David Ben-Gurion and S.Y. Agnon. They sat by the body for five hours.

Prime minister Levi Eshkol was the first to eulogize the much-beloved 87-year-old professor-teacher-scholar, who, by the time of his death had shrunk to the size of a child. Eshkol's words rang through the silent air at the Hill of Rest in Jerusalem, where Buber was buried:

"The Jewish people today mourns a luminary and a teacher, a man of thought and achievement, who revealed the soul of Judaism with a new philosophic daring. All mankind mourns with us one of the spiritual giants of this century. I do not know whether there is anyone else in our midst, in the sphere of spiritual life, who was so much a part of the heritage of the entire world; but he was deeply anchored – to a depth that few could reach – in his Jewishness, in the Jewish people, in the resurgence of Israel and the love of Jewry."

...as metaphor

Despite the differences, the bitter disputes and the frequent partings-of-the-way which his views engendered, his life was seen by the majority of Israel — religious and secular — as a deeply searching quest to match man's heart to God's essence.

The arguments with him and about him were, as our sages understood and sanctioned, arguments "for the sake of heaven." They were arguments over differing views of the truth, aimed at the proposals not at the proponents, at the ideas not at man.

Would that the arguments dividing the Jewish people today could be conducted in that same spirit and out of that same sense of respect for differing views.

The current peace process has caused sharp divisions among the Jewish people in Israel and in the Diaspora. Increasingly, we see people rather than ideas being vilified. Arguments once directed at the merits of an issue are now directed ad hominem. This is an ominous development.

For the sake of our people, we must return to arguing our differences "for the sake of heaven."

Democracy's journey

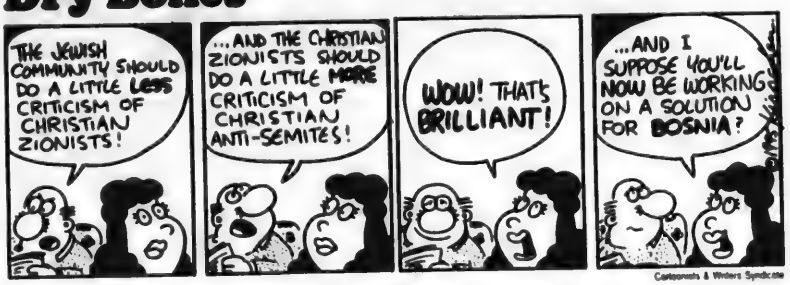
An American journalist once wrote: "People who want to understand democracy should spend less time in the library with Aristotle and more time on the buses and in the subway." The truth of this sublime observation was proved yet again, just last week when, in a decisive, unambiguous manner, Ontario voters changed provincial governments. With 82 of the 130 seats in the Legislature, Progressive Conservatives will now form the government; New Democrats and Liberals the Opposition.

As in all democratic exercises, the outcome was very important, but the process was paramount. Indeed, that is why we cherish democracy. For, in a world of imperfect people, it provides as perfect a way as possible of changing governments.

Democracy travels and affirms itself on the thoroughfares of everyday life. Thus, we commend all the candidates in last week's election; they enabled us to travel with them and in the process, have already paved the way for the next journey.

As is its proper responsibility, this newspaper will hold the new government — as it has all prior governments — to account for its policies and decisions on matters of concern to our community. But for now, we extend our best wishes to and invoke God's blessings upon premier-elect Mike Harris. May he and his cabinet administer the affairs of government "in justice and equity; may peace and security, happiness and prosperity, right and freedom forever abide among us."

Dry Bones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WOW! THAT'S BRILLIANT!
...AND I SUPPOSE YOU'LL NOW BE WORKING ON A SOLUTION FOR BOSNIA?
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"Friends" in each generation

I arrived in Montreal in 1947 from Northern Ontario, where I worked as a wood cutter cutting pulp wood for the paper industry. When our contract was over, I came to Montreal with some of my colleagues. Of course, we didn't know anyone here — that was true — but we certainly had friends here, unknown to us. These "friends" were waiting for us at the train station. They were representatives of the Canadian Jewish Congress. They placed us in a downtown hotel and also gave a bit of money to those of us who had no money (which was nearly all of us). It was just wonderful, like a good family taking care of its own. We should never forget this human act of kindness.

Many years have gone by. The world has changed a great deal. Governments have come and gone. But the good heart of our people has not changed. Love and care go on and when the need arises, we act in good faith and are there for those who need it.

I sometimes work in the CJC building. One evening some months ago, I passed by an open room. Inside was a large group of Russian immigrants busily learning English. Another night, in the same room, perhaps the same group was instructed in the intricacies of French. It made me feel proud to belong to such a caring and giving community. It proved that we are indeed "our brothers' keepers."

Alexander Jakab
Laval, Que.

The views shared by Gazit and Peace Now

The lead quote in Amy Sattin's interview with IDF Maj.-Gen. (Res.) Shlomo Gazit (*CJN* June 1) would lead most readers to conclude that Gazit and Peace Now have little or nothing in common, when the exact reverse is true.

The logical question for Sattin to have asked Gazit is why Canadian Friends of Peace Now sponsored Gazit's visit to Toronto and why he accepted.

The answer is that on the basic issues of peace and security, Peace Now shares the views of Gazit — and most other Israeli military officers both in active and reserve service.

Those views include a strong IDF with a qualitative technological edge over its enemies and the active pursuit of political settlements and viable security arrangements with the Palestinians and Israel's Arab neighbors.

Specifically, Peace Now shares Gazit's views on the following: ending the occupation and expansion of settlements in the West Bank, talking to the PLO, acceptance of a Palestinian state and territorial compromise on the Golan as well as the West Bank.

Gazit sees global and regional changes as the real movers of change in the Middle East, and questions Peace Now's role, impact and what he describes as its "naive" trust in dialogue — but he most assuredly supports its existence.

Too bad Gazit didn't say publicly what he said privately: "Peace Now is a voice which must be heard — every society needs a voice of conscience."

Beverley Stern
Canadian Friends of Peace Now
Toronto

Feeling the centrality of Jerusalem

Let me share with you the inspiring and extraordinary experience of welcoming the dawn of the Shavuot festival at the Kotel Hama'aravi.

By 5 a.m. on Sunday morning the entire plaza at the Western Wall was packed and all approaches were choked with humanity streaming from all over Jerusalem. The crowd of men and women, young and old, boys and girls, gathered to celebrate the giving of the Torah on this day in ancient history. I stood among Sephardim and Ashkenazim, Chassidim and Mitnagdim, white shirts and black garb, citizens of Jerusalem and visitors, tourists from all over the world.

Next to me stood a man who recounted that in 1944, he was in Auschwitz on this day, not daring to think that he would survive, and now he was witnessing this marvel of Jewish survival and revival. Slowly the dark of dawn broke into light and the emerging sun watched over the vast throng of men and women who prayed and sang in celebration of this glorious day. The doves watched from their crevices of the Wall and hundreds of birds chirped overhead in ecstasy and sang their morning song.

When we walked home at 7 a.m. through the market and the Damascus Gate under the watchful eye of young soldiers, new crowds were still converging on the plaza of the Western Wall. What a heartwarming sight!

This was true and genuine Zionism in action and a grand demonstration of the centrality of Jerusalem and Zion and of the love and loyalty of Jews to Jewish tradition and Jewish history.

Kurt Rothschild
Jerusalem

Community ignores gays and lesbians

I attended a discussion at Holy Blossom Temple dealing with equality for gays and lesbians, in law and in the synagogue. There were probably 60 Jews in attendance, but other than gays, lesbians, their families and friends, the evening drew less than 10 members of the community. The event was well publicized at both the Temple and in the community at large.

I recently resorted to going to the Metropolitan Community Church for a sense of community, affirmation and spirituality. MCC is well known as a sanctuary for both the gay and straight community. I avoid all references to Jesus and am amazed and saddened when I look around and see the approximately 30 or so Jews who do the same thing within a group of over 300 Christians.

Last night only reinforced my belief that Jews say they are liberal, "but not in my temple." Blame my parents, but I believe that the Jewish community should be welcoming and at the forefront of every human rights issue. If we cannot make our own children in Canada feel wanted then why do our leaders spend so much time and money on programs for Russian Jews and other discriminated against groups? Where is the leadership of the rabbis (only two were there and one of them was a guest speaker), community leaders and this newspaper? Whether you like it or not, gays and lesbians are Jewish, and homosexuality is as old as our religion. We don't want to be outreached to and we don't have to be approved of, we just want to be accepted. Not very different from what our forefathers wanted in coming to Canada.

Richard Silver
Toronto

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Perspectives

Remembering Martin Buber

By EMIL L. FACKENHEIM

In 1958, my wife and I visited Martin Buber, who was then at Princeton. Having told us that he started thinking only when he was 40 years old, he turned to my wife and asked: "Mrs. Fackenheim, have you started thinking yet?" Rose was then 25 years old.

I have often told the story because it is funny. But the serious part is about Buber himself. At 40 he was already a much-published, even widely recognized author. What he told us was that only at 40 did he achieve a breakthrough. And I believe he would have been forgotten long ago without that breakthrough.

I am using the over-used word in a very pregnant sense: in his brief but great and immensely influential *I and Thou*, Buber's thought broke through to the God of Israel. The significance of this emerges only against the background of the preceding religious situation, in Protestant as well as Jewish thought, including Buber's own. (Catholic thought was different.)

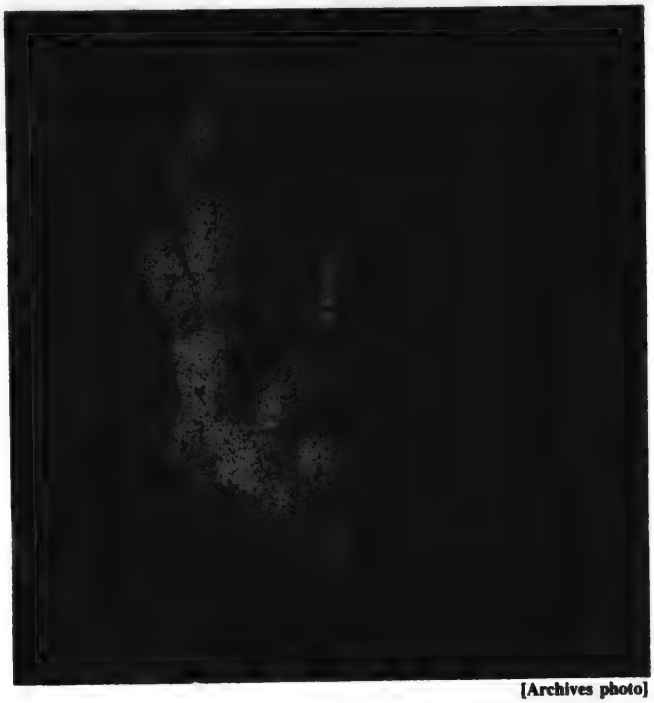
Within Judaism and Christianity, as well as Islam, pre-modern humanity understood itself as the recipient, through a holy Scripture, of divine revelation and saw God, who was the Giver, as other-and-higher-than-humanity. But with the advent of modernity that philosophy was called into question. One could believe in God, perhaps even experience Him, but was there, objectively, a God other than the subjective belief in Him or the merely subjective experience of Him? And was Scripture, rather than the Word of God, the mere word of man, the product of human beliefs and experiences? It seemed that the belief could be retained only on the authority of the Scriptures, and for modernity such authority came more and more to be viewed as blind authority, acceptable only by those who came to be called "fundamentalists."

In *I and Thou* Buber breaks through the subjectivism of mere belief or experience, to the God who is "the Other" — other than both. He points to a possible "encounter" with God, and the One encountered is other than the one that does the encountering. He teaches "dialogue" with God, and it takes two for there to be a dialogue. These terms, as well as some others that are now part of the general cutlure, go back to Buber.

How does he justify his breakthrough? By the now famous distinction between two types of relation, the "I-It" and the "I-Thou." When I perceive a stone or sit on a chair or drive a car I have an I-It relation; I perceive an object or use it. When I speak and listen to a person I have an I-Thou relation. But it is a bit more complicated. Relations between people can be I-It relations, such as when I use the services of a secretary and the secretary uses me to draw a salary.

Buber also asserts that there are I-Thou relations with animals and even, as if to make a point, with inanimate objects. The point made is that at issue are not two kinds of being but two kinds of relation. And the point of points concerns an asserted relation with God. To make God into an object of thought is to lose Him, which is why the existence of God cannot be either proved or refuted. If God is not known through encounter with Him, in dialogue with Him, He is not known at all.

This is why I have referred above not to God-in-general, but to the God of Israel. Elsewhere God may be understood as Being or Substance, or even as the divine Nothing. In Judaism, He is King, Father and above all, He who speaks to Abraham, Moses, the prophets. And even when, according to Judaism, prophecy has ceased, there still is a *bat kol* (daughter of a voice).



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For Buber, the Greeks were the people of the eye but the Jews are the people of the ear. In this, Buber does not mean to restrict the God of Israel to Israel. In *I and Thou*, he states that God speaks constantly and wherever there are humans. And the great challenge for humans is to open their ears and listen. But, let this not be forgotten, humans speak as well as listen.

The year Buber was at Princeton he was invited by *Commentary* for a meeting. There one of the high-powered intellectuals asked him a piercing question. "I go to shul," he said, or words to this effect, "and stand before God as the legend above the Torah ark says I should, and truly feel I am encountering Him in prayer. But when I leave shul and think modern thoughts, such as Marxist or Freudian ones He becomes an illusion, a mere projection of subjective feelings."

Buber replied that this was the sickness of modernity. He combats it through the teaching — to give a crucial example — that love between humans does not consist of feelings in the one, the other, and a question mark between them, so that the two are really two solitudes. Love is *between* people, and for humans to love each other is not to have private feelings but to enter into a relation, into the responsibility of mutuality, of listening as well as speaking. It is, in short, a "commitment." Here is yet another term that, through Buber, has entered into common discourse.

But inter-human I-Thou relations are one thing, one with God is quite another. That even this can be mutual is the bold, great assertion of Judaism. But that it exists at all — the basic problem for modernity — may be considered to require a "leap of faith." But this is Soren Kierkegaard's Christian term. Buber expresses his Jewishness in his view that through an I-Thou relation with humans one might reach an I-Thou relation with God. His friend Franz Rosenzweig, who laid great stress on mitzvot, said that through mitzvot (the commandments), one might reach a relation with the *metzaveh*, the One who does the commanding. But his friend would agree with Buber that while moderns cannot have security in faith they can have openness to faith.

Buber may have started thinking at 40 but he never stopped, and he lived to 87. His works on Chassidism, some written before age 40, others later, were a great source of strength for German Jewish youth in their time of greatest need, the early years of the Hitler regime. For my part, filled as they are with Jewish spirit, I think they are still the best introduction to Judaism for those who want not just information but an inspiring access to Judaism. In my view, his most lasting contributions are his works on the Bible, and not surprisingly so. As the great figures of the Bible believed themselves to be standing in an I-Thou relation to the God of Israel, Buber gave that ancient affirmation a modern reality.

I therefore once considered it fitting to call Buber a Hebrew prophet in modern garb and used that expression in an essay. When we visited him, Buber had read the essay and asked me to remove the term. Obviously, he thought that modesty required it. I consented and substituted "sage" for "prophet."

Buber took issue with another point in my essay, this one so substantial that I have never forgotten it. I had written that while *I and Thou* teaches that God speaks constantly, in his later works Buber "changes his mind." Just as in an eclipse there is darkness because the moon has come between us and the sun, so there is, in the world today, an "eclipse of God;" to be sure, God is not dead, but something has come between Him and ourselves. The question of how we can have a relation with God is, after Auschwitz, darker, more painful, more threatening than ever before.

Buber asked me: "*I* have changed my mind?" or words to this effect. That was a deep question. For Buber *reality itself* had changed. Between the 1920s and the 1940s an abyss was torn up, and future Jewish thought must cope with it.

This was his response after the Holocaust. Another occurred just when it was about to start. In the 1938 *Kristallnacht* they had burned, looted, beaten, arrested. Friends of the great Ghandi had asked him to respond, but must have regretted having done so. For Gandhi urged German Jews to fight the Nazis with "soul power," and if necessary to die in the process. He also attacked Zionism, asserted that Palestine belonged to the Arabs and that Zion was a symbol. Buber, an admirer of Gandhi and on the whole mild-mannered, could be militant when the situation required it. Zion, he declared, was indeed a symbol, but it would be a "poor symbol" if it was not also a "spot on earth." Buber, a source of strength to German Jews in their despair, stayed with them for a long time, but at length moved to that "spot on earth," and lived there till he died.

Torchlight parade of Hebrew University students in front of Buber's home on his eighty-fifth birthday, Feb. 8, 1963. [Photo by David Harris in *Martin Buber's Life and Work, The Later Years*, M. Friedman, E. P. Dutton, 1983]

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Opinions

Racquets, not rockets

Something new is happening in Israel that has not made the public press. Not rocket attacks from Lebanon, not terror raids by suicide bombers — the kinds of things that will make headlines. Something quiet and wonderful is going on in some parts of the country which all of us should know about.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

It started with a simple proposition: give children, especially disadvantaged children, an opportunity to expend their energy in ways other than destruction, hooliganism, drugs and general disrespect for society.

Many nations are struggling with this problem, but in Israel the solution has taken an unusual turn. It has made a leisure time activity which formerly was reserved for "upper" classes into an accessible activity for kids of every stripe — tennis.

"Tennis anyone?" was once a question that often found no answer, with few players around and little interest. But it is different in Israel.

Today 11 sport centres are distributed across the country from north to south: from Kiryat Shemona, Tiberias and Haifa in the north; to Ramat Hasharon, Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Jerusalem and Ashkelon in the centre; to Ofakim, Arad and Beersehva in the Negev.

There, kids from the marvellous collection of backgrounds which characterizes Israel meet. They are bussed in, their racquets are supplied, and so are their balls and their instructors — everything is free and everything without government assistance.

But it isn't just tennis; that is just how the children are attracted. The real focus is their way of looking at society, their spirit of cooperation and their respect for others.

Crime rates and juvenile delinquency have dropped measurably where children's community centres have opened. Study halls, libraries and tutors at each centre encourage scholarship, cultural understanding and academic excellence.

Physically and mentally handicapped children are welcomed to comprehensive wheelchair tennis instruction and other programs designed for each group's needs.

Last but not least, Arab and Jewish children mingle and thus give promise that living together is not an idle dream.

Though they are called tennis centres they have expanded into education centres with libraries and social workers who help recent immigrants to Israel integrate into their new societies. Parents too are now getting involved with their children, with the result that these activities have an enormous impact on the lives of many. The effect spreads not only by word of mouth but by example.

The veteran coach who supervises this wide-ranging organization is a former dentist from South Africa, Ian Froman, who has organized all this with the help of a devoted nation-wide staff.

Though tennis is still the sporting activity at the centres, with national and international tournaments that attract the best players around, the emphasis is inevitably shifting to an emphasis on social values.

Disadvantaged neighborhoods have been turned into desirable real estate locations as a result. Writes Froman: "Ashkalon was built in the boondocks and now it is surrounded by beautiful apartments with thousands of Russian immigrants in the centre. Hi-tech companies have built around the tennis centre in Haifa." Suddenly these centres have turned neglected neighborhoods into beautiful areas and Froman is right when he says it's great.

Now, as every year, a group of these children is making an international tour. Some are very young (under 10), and they represent every type of Israeli from old-timer to newcomer. They will be in Toronto on June 25. If you want to get more information call Sandi Kaminsky at 905-660-1999. I hope some of you who have never been there will come and tell me you have read this column and want to see it all with your own eyes.

Dry Bones

THE SISTERHOOD IS LOOKING FOR A GUEST SPEAKER FOR THE ANNUAL DINNER?
YES RABBI
BUT WE WANT TO AVOID ANY ANTI-ISRAELI SPEECHES.
SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
...JUST DON'T INVITE ANY ISRAELI SPEAKERS!
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Comparative law: child support

A recent Canadian Supreme Court ruling rejected the position of Suzanne Thibaudeau, a divorced mother who claimed she should not have to pay taxes on child support payments received from her former husband. She and her associates maintain it is unfair and discriminatory that her former husband can use the payments as tax deductions and she cannot.

By Rabbi Mark Dratch

What is the position of Jewish law in this matter? Halachah calls for strict integrity in tax payment and considers tax evasion as "robbery of the public." Samuel di Medina (Salonika, 16th century) classified tax evaders as robbers and disqualified them from serving as witnesses. He urged them to calculate the "profit gained as a result of fraud against the loss of the World to Come."

Authorities suggest a number of sources for the halachic obligation to pay taxes: the rights of a monarch outlined in I Samuel 8:11-17; *dina d'malchuta dina* (the law of the state is the law), the binding nature of civil law; the community as a partnership in which all parties have a responsibility to contribute to its welfare; and minhag, communal custom.

As to halachic guidelines in tax equity, Rashba (Rabbi Solomon b. Abraham Adret, Spain, 13th century) is representative of most opinions when he writes, "Nowhere are the tax laws founded on talmudic sanctity and everywhere there are to be found variations of such laws deriving from local usage and the consent of earlier scholars who set the policies; and the town residents are entitled to establish fixed enactments and uphold recognized customs even if they do not accord with Halachah, this being a matter of civil law. Therefore if in this matter they have a known custom it should be followed since in matters of this kind *minhag mevatelet halachah* (custom overrides the law)." (*Responsa Rashba* IV;260).

Rabbi Israel Isserlein (Austria, 15th century) wrote that despite the priority of communal custom and legislation, rules of taxation should be established in the spirit of Torah principles (*Terumat haDeshen*, no. 342).

Nevertheless, there are halachic restrictions. Rules of taxation may not be discriminatory. Those that do violate the principles of equity and justice are invalid, since they are "nothing but robbery and it is not possible to stipulate contrary to the law of robbery" (*Responsa Rashba*, V, 178).

Jewish law recognized the importance of tax relief for various groups of people. Thus the poor and socially disadvantaged may have been totally exempt from taxes, or may have paid a minimal amount (*Responsa Rosh*, 6:4). Torah scholars were exempt from paying taxes as well (*Baba Batra* 7b).

Is there a halachic position on whether child support monies should be taxed in the hands of the parents who pay it or in the hands of the parents who receive it?

In the Canadian debate, some argue that since, in general, custodial parents are in a lower economic bracket than non-custodial parents, it is unfair the former should pay money to the government from their more modest means. Others counter by observing that it is because the custodial parent is in a lower tax bracket that less money is paid in taxes and more money is actually available for the children. In fact, because of this tax advantage, it is estimated that the government is in effect subsidizing child support by about $300 million annually. If any discrimination is occurring, it is against couples who remain married and cannot take advantage of these deductions.

Tax advantages may be lost when both parents have similar incomes or the custodial parent earns more than the other. In such cases, if the tax ramifications are not properly considered, the children may end up with less support.

Jewish law maintains that parents are responsible for the maintenance and welfare of their children and, therefore determinations of the amounts of child support payments should be made with the best interests of the child in mind. Thus, whether one parent or another may claim the tax exemption is secondary to providing sufficient monetary support. If society, in developing its tax policies, and the courts, in determining appropriate amounts of support, determine that one method or another is more advantageous to the needs of the children, and if sufficient support awards are made — and enforced! — to cover the tax liabilities of that policy, then who pays the taxes is halachically irrelevant.

Modern Chassidic tales

The touching story is told — yes, I know, you've probably heard it already — about a spaceship which flies over Bathurst Street above Steeles (that's Thornhill, folks), and slowly comes to a landing in a vacant lot. Out step several tall, lanky aliens dressed all in black, with shtreimls and kaftans and long, curly payot. One shocked, excited man rushes up to them and asks, "Where are you from?"

By Allan Gould

"We're from Mars," smiles the leader, in perfect Yiddish-tinged English.

"Wow!" says the Canadian. "Does everyone dress like you, up in Mars?"

"No," replies the alien. "Just the Chassidim!"

What's the point? Well, Chassidim are everywhere, a crucial part of the Jewish nation. Which is why I was shocked and excited myself to discover another batch of Modern Chassidic Tales.

Said the Farklemper Rebbe: "Happy is he who ends his days in repentance and holy service, and dies with a clear conscience. In fact, I wouldn't mind getting the name of his accountant."

"There are many reasons for a woman to drink wine," said the Outremont Rebbetzin. "To rejoice in the works of HaShem. To fulfill the ancient Purim tradition of getting so smashed that one cannot tell the difference between Tonya Harding and Nancy Kerrigan. To relax on Friday night, after feeding a dozen noisy and hungry children, pooh-pooh-pooh. But most of all, to be able to live in the same house with the Outremont Rebbe, who is no picnic, let me tell you."

Once upon a time there came to the great Maggid of Bathurst a man who fasted from Shabbat to Shabbat, and used to brag about it. "To fast so much is hardly praiseworthy," proclaimed the Great Maggid. "If you knew what they paid me at our shul, you'd know that some people have to fast from Shabbat to Shabbat just in order to survive. I used to think that the Exile from the Holy Land was the worst agony of the Jews, but I now think that just working for other Jews is the worst agony. Maybe I could borrow a ten-spot until next Sunday? Let's do lunch sometime, by the way. Your treat."

The Narishkeiter Rebbe used to have serious problems getting a minyan for Shabbat morning, and this troubled him greatly, not to mention making it difficult for those who were saying Kaddish.

"Why do you think I have such a hard time to get 10 men to daven with us on Shabbat?" asked the Glorious Narishkeiter of one of the four men who sat there, twiddling their thumbs, waiting for others to show up.

"Have you ever noticed that you tend to expound on the Holy Law at exceedingly great length on Shabbat mornings?" queried his Torah-reader, who was no great shakes at his role in the synagogue, either.

"Shame on you!" said the Narishkeiter. "You shouldn't be wearing a watch on the Great Day of Rest!"

"It's not a watch we need, when you start to talk," mumbled the shammas to himself. "It's a calendar."

Features

The Altalena incident

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Later this month, Israel marks a sombre anniversary, a still controversial event that pushed it to the brink of civil war.

Forty-seven years ago, the Altalena — a 1,820-ton ship brimming with 900 new immigrants, weapons and ammunition — set sail from Sete, France, bound for Israel.

The Altalena, and its cargo of munitions, had been purchased by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, the fighting arm of the Zionist Revisionist Betar/Herut movement, headed by Menachem Begin.

The odyssey of the Altalena unfolded as a United Nations-monitored ceasefire ended the first phase of the 1948-49 War of Independence. Though the truce forbade the shipment of fresh arms to Israel and its Arab adversaries, the Altalena carried, among other things, 5,000 rifles, 300 Bren guns, five armored cars, four million rounds of bullets and several thousand bombs.

The military equipment, which had been bought from France, was destined for Irgun units in Palestine. However, the Irgun did not inform David Ben-Gurion, Israel's Labor party prime minister, of the Altalena's voyage until several days after its departure.

Due to this time lapse, mutual mistrust and animosity between Ben-Gurion and Begin, miscalculations by both sides and Ben-Gurion's impression that the Irgun intended to stage a putsch, violence broke out and brought the newly-found Jewish state to the precipice of fratricidal warfare.

"Israel was very close to civil war," says Ilana Tsur, a Tel Aviv filmmaker who recently finished what she claims is the first documentary on the topic.

The 53-minute film, entitled *Altalena*, was screened at the Toronto Jewish Film Festival in May and at several Jewish film festivals in the United States shortly afterward. Before its North American debut, *Altalena* was given a limited release in Israel, having been shown at the Cinematheque in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem and to parliamentarians at the Knesset. In the third week of June, *Altalena* is scheduled to be broadcast by Israel's private television station, Channel 2, which helped finance the film.

Tsur, 52, is not surprised that hers is the only movie to deal with the incident. "It's such an explosive subject," she said in an interview. "No one wanted to touch it."

For Tsur, a graduate of the Hebrew University and Boston University, the Altalena is not merely a ship crowned by an aura of notoriety, but a strong childhood memory. For about a year after it was sunk by shell fire, the Altalena lay partially submerged in shallow waters, just off Tel Aviv's beach front. Tsur recalls catching glimpses of the wreck in strolls with her father, and remembers whispered conversations of adults as they discussed the fate of the ship and the stormy events surrounding it.

Tsur spent three years making *Altalena*, poring over dusty archives, searching for appropriate photographs and historic footage and interviewing such surviving participants as Yitzhak Rabin, Eliyahu Lankin and Dov Shilanksy.

Rabin, the present prime minister, was the deputy commander of the militia — the Palmach — which played a central role in the crisis. Lankin, the late Likud stalwart and ambassador to South Africa, commanded the Irgun squad on the Altalena. Shilansy, the current Speaker of the Knesset, was a Holocaust survivor who witnessed the turmoil.

Tsur claims she had no intention of producing a "balanced" film. "I don't believe in objectivity." Nevertheless, *Altalena* is a cool, dispassionate cinematic document, tracing the conflicting interests and the confusion which lay at the heart of the tragedy.

The saga of the Altalena began in June, as a ceasefire stopped one month of bitter fighting in the War of Independence. In the south, Egyptian forces had advanced beyond Ashdod. In the centre, Trans-Jordan's Arab Legion had captured Eastern Jerusalem and blocked an Israeli offensive against Latrun. In the north, Israel had barely repulsed attacks by Syria and Iraq. Having lost 1,176 soldiers, an exhausted Israel used the truce to replenish its strength while girding for the inevitable "second round" with the Arabs.

At this juncture, Israel did not have a completely unified army. After Ben-Gurion's proclamation of statehood in May 1948, Begin had agreed to disband the Irgun and place it at the disposal of the government. Ben-Gurion had insisted that all Jewish militias — the Haganah, the Irgun and the Palmach — should join the nascent Israel Defence Force (IDF).

But integration took time, and meanwhile, the three Zionist militias — which were not finally merged until November of that momentous year — existed as separate entities with their own officers. Furthermore, the merger agreement did not apply to Jerusalem, which was legally outside the territory of the state under the 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan.

The Altalena burns as spectators watch.

The problem was exacerbated by Shmuel Katz, the Irgun's Paris representative. He was a radical among extremists who resented the United Nations ceasefire. Begin, his superior, opposed it in principle but would not violate it. When he learned of the Altalena's sailing on the BBC World Service, he was stunned. Begin radioed Lankin and the ship's captain, Monroe Fein, ordering them to keep away and await instructions. The message was received, but disregarded.

On June 15, Begin overrode his colleagues' objections and informed Yisrael Galili, one of Ben-Gurion's deputies, of the Altalena's imminent arrival. Incredibly enough, the Israeli authorities had missed the BBC broadcast. After consulting Ben-Gurion, Galili ordered the Altalena to land at Kfar Vitkin, a pro-Labor party moshav near Netanya, and unload its arms there.

Galili incorrectly assumed that Begin would hand over the vessel and its cargo unconditionally. And tension rose to the boiling point over a misunderstanding regarding the distribution of the weaponry on board the Altalena.

On June 19, Galili advised Ben-Gurion that a "new and dangerous situation has arisen, a demand for a kind of private army, with private weapons, for certain units in the army." Amid reports that the Altalena was nearing Israel's coast and that hundreds of Irgun soldiers were deserting their units and heading toward Kafr Vitkin, Ben-Gurion called a cabinet meeting at which he denounced "separatist activities" and charged the IDF with responding to the imminent threat.

Ben-Gurion seemed convinced that the Irgun was planning a coup. In his recently published memoirs, *Battling For Peace*, Shimon Peres — Israel's foreign minister — writes that Ben-Gurion "suspected that [the Irgun] would try to set up a state within a state or a separate army." Tsur doubts whether Begin, whom she describes as a "tragic hero" in this episode, was hatching a plot to topple the government. The Irgun, she believes, was trying to deliver badly-needed weaponry to its soldiers in Jerusalem and thereby gain greater influence over military decisions in that sector.

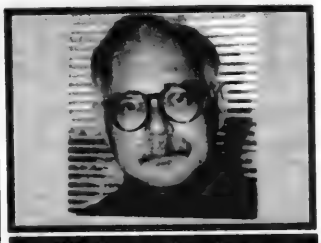
Whatever the truth, a climax was fast approaching. On June 21, Begin's associates tried to convince him to take the Altalena to Tel Aviv, sure in the knowledge that the Altalena would receive a warmer reception there. While they deliberated, the rattle of machine gun fire was heard. A pitched battle, pitting the IDF against the Irgun erupted. The skirmish claimed six Irgun men and two IDF soldiers.

As two government corvettes closed in on the Altalena, Begin, complaining bitterly, was hauled aboard. The Altalena reached Tel Aviv on June 22, in full view of reporters, United Nations observers and a myriad of spectators. Yigal Allon, a future foreign minister, was put in charge of the operation to crush what Ben-Gurion described as an "open revolt."

Shots were fired from the shore, as ammunition cases on the Altalena detonated. A huge cloud of black smoke drifted up over the Altalena, an image photograped by Robert Cappa. By nightfall, the Irgun's casualties were 14 killed and 69 wounded. One of the fallen, Avraham Stavsky, had been acquitted of murdering Labor Zionist leader Haim Arlosoroff 15 years earlier. The IDF sustained two killed and six wounded.

The Altalena incident — a bloody microcosm of the ideological divisions within the broad Zionist movement — left a deep scar on Israel's body politic, a scar which has yet to heal.

But the wreckage of the Altalena is long gone. On Ben-Gurion's order, its remains were towed out to sea and sunk in a deep crevice of the Mediterranean, far from prying eyes.



Mideast Analysis
By Sheldon Kirshner

German ties with Israel

Thirty years ago last month, Israel and Germany (West Germany before unification in 1990) established diplomatic links after years of painstaking introspection and negotiations.

It is a relationship darkened by the past and brightened by the present.

The Holocaust is woven into Germany's very fabric. But, ironically, it is because of this unprecedented catastrophe that Israel's ties with Germany have been and still are unusually friendly.

As German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel put it at a recent exhibition in Bonn to mark the anniversary: "Our relations will always be special — more emotional, more sensitive than those between other countries."

In honor of the event, Israel and Germany have exchanged or intend to exchange high-level visits. Chancellor Helmut Kohl went to Israel last week, visiting Yad Vashem and promising to strengthen economic relations with Israel.

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Since May 1965, when Rolf Pauls took up his post as Germany's first ambassador to Israel, the ties binding the two nations have grown increasingly stronger on all levels.

Politically, Germany is Israel's chief ally in the European Union. Economically, Germany is Israel's second largest trade partner after the United States. Cultural, scientific and youth exchanges are thriving. Military cooperation exists (the German chief of staff has visited Israel). More than 80 cities and counties in Germany and Israel maintain partnerships.

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In light of these facts, no one should be surprised that Israel's biggest embassy in Europe is found in Germany, and that one of Bonn's most important embassies in the Middle East is located in Tel Aviv.

Nevertheless, it would be fatuous to believe that all is sweetness and light. Israel's friendship with Germany, which Kinkel has described as "close to our hearts," has periodically been ruffled.

Israeli and German policies diverge on such basic Arab-Israeli questions as the status of Jerusalem, the disputed territories and Jewish settlements. And there have been nasty squabbles over the possible flow of advanced German weaponry to Saudi Arabia; the sale of dual-use technology to Libya and Iraq; and the upsurge of neo-Nazism in Germany (a phenomenon that prompted a call from an Israeli cabinet minister to withdraw Israel's envoy in Bonn).

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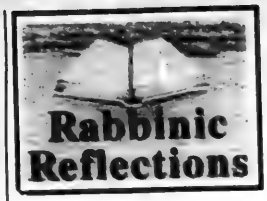

By RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN

There is a very interesting statement in classic Jewish literature that states, "everybody and everything needs mazal, even the sefer Torah in the Holy Ark." This means that if there is more than one sefer Torah the *gabbai* should arrange to alternate and make use of every Torah in the synagogue.

Similarly it can be said that the Jewish holidays in North America need mazal. Why is it that Pesach and the post-biblical holiday of Chanukah are celebrated much more than the recent holiday of Shavuot? There are many answers but I want to suggest one major one. Pesach, Chanukah and other holidays involve the whole family in the preparation and celebration.

Shavuot, of all the five biblical holidays and post-biblical ones, is the one lacking two major ingredients. The first, is that it has no special rituals for the individual Jew to do or participate in. Secondly, as we examine the Torah, we find that unlike the other festivals, there is no specific date mentioned for Shavuot. These two are interrelated.

Furthermore, in many synagogues there are more people in attendance on the second day of Shavuot, the last day of Pesach and Shemini Atzeret than on the first day. I never have criticized Jews who only come for Yiskor. On the contrary, if they come at least then, perhaps they will be inspired to come more often. However, this is indicative that the North American Jews over the past hundred years have made their own value judgment on what particular holiday or ritual they feel is important or necessary for them.

There are very good reasons why Shavuot deliberately has no date and/or rituals attached to it. Other holidays include a particular mitzvah or ritual, such as eating matzah on Pesach or lighting menorah candles on Chanukah. There is no obligation to do so the rest of the year.

Shavuot is called the time when we receive the gift of Torah, which called upon the Jew to make the Torah part of his life every single day. There is no special day when one is free from the obligation of observing the mitzvot or studying Torah. Thus, the message on Shavuot is to make it an intrinsic part of our daily lives.

A strong value judgment many Jews have made is that Jewish studies are for children and perhaps teenagers. However, many adults do not see it as a priority or an obligation. It is true that Judaism does not permit us to prioritize one mitzvah over another but nevertheless one of the most important mitzvot is not the words "you shall teach your children," but you must study yourself. We should not be vicarious Jews and be satisfied with other Jews who are studying Torah.

One of the fascinating changes in the Toronto Jewish community over the years has been the number of study programs available for people of all ages and backgrounds. The *baal tshuvah* movement has attracted thousands of young men and women who came to the conclusion after searching in other cultures, that there is a meaning, purpose and value in studying our own Torah.

This should not be limited only to young people who are looking for a meaning in life but to every single adult who will find meaning and enrich themselves by engaging in study. There are classes in every synagogue and many other institutions. There is a tremendous number of books and videos to meet the intellectual need of Jews in all walks of life. This all points out that Shavuot should not be celebrated only on the day itself but each and every day.

Scholars and laymen have to investigate more how we can inspire young people after leaving Hebrew school to continue as adults their lifelong love affair with Torah. There have been many studies on this. While the home is still the strongest influence in the Jewish development of a person, nevertheless it needs the ongoing influence of the Hebrew day and afternoon schools.

This January, I will be convening a conference at Tel Aviv University to examine the successes and perhaps the failures of North American and Israeli Hebrew school programs, which hopefully will be helpful to all of us engaged in making Jewish study a permanent feature of our adult life.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman is the spiritual leader of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto.

Newmarket woman enters Reform rabbinic school

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Newmarket resident has become the first Canadian convert to enter the Hebrew Union College's rabbinic school.

Lori Cohen, 37, is moving to Jerusalem with her three sons June 18, to begin the five-year Reform rabbi training program.

After the first year, she will complete the program at the Hebrew Union College's main campus in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her husband, Howard Cohen, is expected to join the family there.

"This is my passion," Cohen said, during a well-deserved break from packing and sorting. "I'm willing to change everything in my life to follow it."

Cohen, the driving force behind the 4-year-old Or Hadash synagogue in Newmarket, converted to Judaism 18 years ago after spending a year in Israel.

A special education teacher, she began the 58-student Hebrew school at Or Hadash, and has been leading services and teaching bar mitzvah students at the synagogue while studying Hebrew on her own in Toronto.

"I'm really going to put myself to the test with this one," she said over lunch recently.

She admitted to being scared by the prospect of moving her family to a strange city, but said sons Aaron, 13, Joshua, 7, and Daniel, 6, are looking forward to the move. Money will be tight, she said, but help has been offered to defray living costs and the $8,300 in tuition fees.

According to friend Ava Ross, Cohen is a fiercely determined woman who loves to study. She hopes Cohen will someday return to Or Hadash as rabbi. "She's definitely one of a kind."

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Jewish Life

Jewish camps in Russia

By YAKOV M. RABKIN

Since the collapse of the U.S.S.R., Jewish activists from several countries have flocked to develop essential Judaic institutions, including summer camps for children.

Having visited such camps in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Lithuania over the last few years, I have found a few common traits in all of them.

GUEST VOICES

Jewish children in the former U.S.S.R. are encouraged to strive for intellectual and artistic excellence as both a means of survival and an intrinsic value. Compared to their North American peers, they appear more serious and certainly more disciplined. However, most of them are far from Judaic knowledge and practice, albeit eager to find a way to articulate their Jewishness.

Since North American Jewish organizations usually provide most of the funds, it is natural that they tend to recreate in the former U.S.S.R. the atmosphere of North American summer camps. North American Jewish counsellors make little distinction between North American and Jewish elements in what they actually transmit. This is due to insufficient sensitization of North American counsellors to local cultures.

Indeed students of Orthodox Jewish schools rarely read about Russian culture, which is predominant among all Jewish children no matter which former Soviet republic they inhabit. Many counsellors are unfamiliar even with works on Soviet Jewish history written by Orthodox Jewish scholars such as Zvi Gitelman.

This unpreparedness creates a culture gap that prevents a meaningful dialogue from developing between the counsellors and their charges. *Faute de mieux*, the gap is often filled with songs and dances. Consequently, the cultural level of children in such camps has been on the decline. Jewish children from better educated families have been shifted to non-Jewish camps away from camps run by Orthodox North American Jews.

North American counsellors jump on chairs and lead children in American-accented Hebrew songs. They seat them on the floor and make them listen to stories in a mixture of Hebrew, Yiddish and English, often poorly rendered into Russian. All this appears utterly alien to most campers. Some develop sleep disorders after hours of hype, chanting and yelling. A few children even refuse to go to the dining room to eat lest they be forced to remain seated and sing in the midst of summer heat.

Counsellors in turn may keep the doors of the dining room locked, in order to, as they put it, "prevent escape." Counsellors rarely partake of the meals served in the camp and even more rarely hide their dislike for the food that campers have to eat, preferring to rely on food brought with them from North America. This leaves them time to sing during meals but also breeds resentment and thus reduces the efficacy of their otherwise admirable effort.

Russian Jews are reluctant to voice criticism and North Americans take their silent compliance as a sign of approval. The visitors often remark that Russia "still lives in the stone age" (plumbing is usually the yardstick of progress). Conversely, local Jews complain about North American Jewish counsellors as "uncultured and barbaric," and resent what they perceive as bossing on the part of their North American guests. Outpourings of mutual affection which usually accompany the departure of counsellors at the end of the season may hide the resentment, but there is little doubt it exists. My unique vantage point is that members of both groups open their hearts to me, taking me for "one of their own."

North American Jewish organizations should consolidate their support of summer camps in the former U.S.S.R. To make these camps less abrasive to local children, Jewish educators from Russia or other European countries should assume operational responsibility for the organization and running of the camps. Programming must be approved in advance and a few foreign emissaries may be sent in to ensure conformity with basic Judaic law and with the program guidelines, as well as to teach more advanced classes of Judaica.

These emissaries must know Russian and some of them may be recruited from among many observant Jews of Russian/Soviet provenance residing in North America, Europe or Israel. This modus operandi will be more cost-effective, culturally appropriate and above all, more efficacious in terms of transmission of Judaic knowledge and practice to post-Soviet Jews. This, rather than the edifying and entertainment value of Russian trips for North American Jewish counsellors, must be taken as the main purpose and criterion of success for Jewish camps in the former U.S.S.R.

Yakov Rabkin teaches at the University of Montreal and also prepares Western professionals for training and other missions in the former U.S.S.R.

Netivot Hatorah marks 10th year

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When a small group of parents met some 10 years ago and decided to establish a central Orthodox, religious Zionist elementary school, no one thought they had any chance of succeeding.

A gala dinner held recently at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto celebrated the fact that they did succeed, that Netivot Hatorah, which began as a group of 30 students in a classroom at Temple Sinai, has grown to a student body of 500, housed in its own Thornhill facility.

The dinner also paid tribute to school benefactors Bill and Judy Rubinstein, Eugene and Lilly Sandorfy and Jack and Anne Weinbaum.

A tearful Shauna Tepperman, the first president of the school, applause sometimes drowning out her words, thanked the honorees (all Holocaust survivors) for "responding to devastation by guaranteeing their grandchildren would have a school like this. Through their generosity, our dreams are a reality," she said.

Master of ceremonies Moishe Kesten, the current Netivot president, emphasized that the school was founded by the "grassroots" — the parents — and was helped by funding from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

He praised the honorees as "activists for Jewish community causes here and in Israel," noted for their "humility and dignity."

In his d'var Torah, school principal Rabbi Avi Schochet urged the over 500 in attendance to remember that whatever problems may

Joseph Burg

exist in the State of Israel, "it's *our* Jewish state," and that Jews treasure the memory of the Hasmonean kingdom of the second century CE because "it was a Jewish government, no matter how corrupt they were."

Joseph Burg, president of World Mizrachi and chair of the International Committee of Yad Vashem, brought greetings "from all the national religious school children [in Israel], from the gan [kindergarten] to Bar-Ilan University."

He said it is dangerous to overemphasize technological advances while ignoring moral growth.

"The world fears atomic, biological and chemical warfare. We have our ABCs too — Auschwitz, Bergen-Belsen, Chelmno — all the way to Westerbork and Zyklon-B gas."

A video, produced and directed by Renee Rubinstein, daughter-in-law of one of the couples honored, told the story of the school.

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From coast to coast

'Awesome Foursome' honored at Bonds brunch

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Irving Taylor has a simple formula for deciding which causes to support.

"You're better to give a little to every cause," he says. "We say 'yes' to everybody in case we might miss one of the charities that might be very important."

Taylor and his wife Ethel were recently honored, along with his brother Chick and sister-in-law Rose, by Israel Bonds at a gala champagne brunch.

Dubbed by event chair Rabbi Reuven Bulka as the "Awsome Foursome," the two couples insisted the usual pricey dinner be replaced by a more modest brunch to allow for more Israel Bonds to be purchased.

The Taylors have been lifelong volunteers and donors in Ottawa. They have held leadership positions, chairing events such as the UJA campaign, and attracted new blood to their causes.

"My first of many UJA pledges came in Chick and Rose's basement after a tearful and passionate speech about why it was important to give to Ottawa and Israel," recalled Morris Presser, a board member of Canada Israel Securities Ltd. who is heavily involved in community work.

Ethel and Rose said they get more out of donating their time than they put in.

"You meet so many different people in life that you wouldn't normally meet if you didn't get involved with these things," Ethel said. "I just enjoy it. I couldn't live any other way."

"When you're doing something very worthwhile you just don't get tired," Rose agreed. "It buoys you up."

Encouraging their friends to invest in Israel Bonds, Chick said it is especially important now that Ottawa and several other Canadian cities are thinking of cutting back the amount of United Jewish Appeal money they send to Israel.

"Because of the shortfall of money Israel is not going to receive, we feel that it is more important then ever that we increase our purchases of Israel Bonds," Chick said.

First Nations group to sponsor kiddush

VICTORIA — The Nuh-Chai-Nu'uth First Nations will sponsor a Shabbat kiddush June 24 at Congregation Emanu-El in honor of Mark Krasnick, who died here recently at age 45.

Krasnick, a lawyer, was chief treaty negotiator with native groups on behalf of the province.

Rabbi Victor Reinstein said the native community "recognized and responded to the empathy for their cause arising from Mark's Jewish heritage. They trusted him, enabling development of a just and honorable treaty process."

Krasnick is survived by his wife, Arlene Zuckernick, son Jared and mother Ruth.

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From coast to coast

Shaarey Zedek's rabbi 'going home' to Chicago

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — After six years as spiritual leader of the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, Rabbi Henry Balser is "going home."

On July 1, he will be assuming the leadership of Congregation Ezra-Habonim in Chicago. Although originally from New York, he says he lived in Chicago for a number of years after he finished university and that some of his closest friends live there.

Rabbi Balser leaves a legacy of accomplishment behind him in Winnipeg. The Conservative-Egalitarian Shaarey Zedek in south Winnipeg is the city's oldest, as well as its largest, congregation, with over 1,000 member families.

When Rabbi Balser arrived in the fall of 1989, regular Shabbat services generally attracted some 40 of the older congregants. As a result of his efforts, however, up to 200 people of all ages attend almost every Shabbat.

One of his early and most popular innovations was to do away with the usual sermon, in favor of a dialogue between the rabbi and his congregation.

Working closely with Perle Flam Selch, the synagogue's executive director (who is also leaving in November), and with the board and the office staff, Rabbi Balser has helped introduce new programs for all age groups.

During his time in Winnipeg, Rabbi Balser has shown himself to be a man who is unafraid to take strong — although not always popular — public stands on community issues. Most recently, he has been involved in controversies involving the absence of Yiddish in the Winnipeg Jewish school system (he is unsentimental about the absence of the language) and Jewish homosexuality (he takes a conservative rather than a liberal stance).

"I don't expect everyone to agree with me," he says. "If everyone did agree with everything I said, I would think I was doing something wrong."

He says he is looking forward to working with a smaller congregation. (Congregation Ezra-Habonim has a membership of about 350 families.)

"There won't be as many life cycle events for me to officiate at," he says. "All the weddings, bar mitzvahs and funerals at the Shaarey Zedek I found were draining. At Ezra-Habonim, I will be able to spend more time teaching and using my energy in other areas."

At the Shaarey Zedek, though, Rabbi Balser will be missed. His colleagues, co-workers and congregants have nothing but praise for him and regret his decision to leave.

BIG WEEKEND IN SMALL COMMUNITY
The Jewish community of North Bay, which has 18 Jewish families, recently marked its affiliation with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ). Seen here (from left) are Ron Hoffman, vice-president USCJ, Ontario region, Eli Hoffman, Benjamin Gossack, Shawn Brown, Rabbi Erwin Schild of Toronto and Herb Brown.

Yiddish program for children

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Faye Kellerstein's concern that Yiddish might become extinct led her to create a program of Yiddish folk and theatre songs for children.

Kellerstein, a Yiddish singer/educator, has assembled Kid-Dush for Yiddish, which will perform in concert at the Fairview Library Theatre June 22 at 7:30 p.m.

"I want the children to be able to relate to Yiddish songs, some of which were written a hundred years ago," Kellerstein said. Many songs have been updated.

With musical director Jordan Klapman, Kellerstein will lead the 15 children in song and anecdotes.

"The Yiddish language," she said, "is the most colorful language I know."

It is her hope that the group will someday tour other communities.

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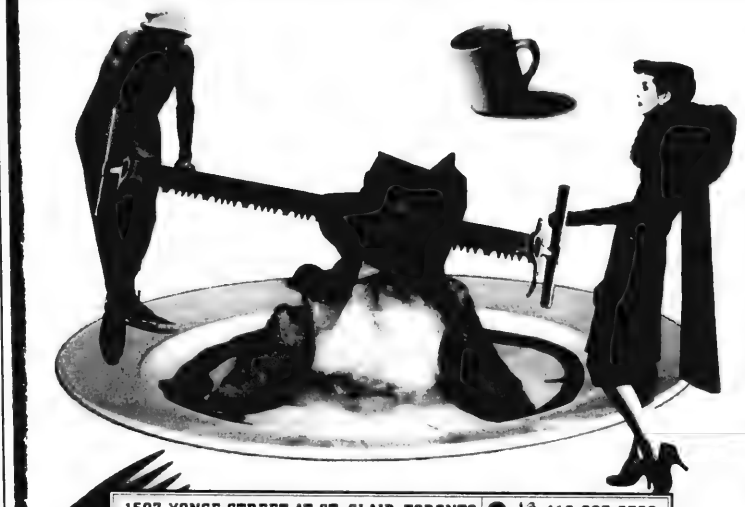

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Associated program helps students learn to read

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Young students at Associated Hebrew Schools who are having trouble learning to read will get help from a new venture.

Operation Reading Boost will be in place in September at the three operating Associated branches — Leslie Danilak, Atkinson Kamin and Finch Hurwich.

(The Neptune branch is scheduled for demolition. A smaller version will be built on the site.)

Hurwich branch general studies principal Sandy Rabinowitz told *The CJN* that reading is seen as one of the skills essential to effective learning.

Operation Reading Boost will "give an intensive push to reading skills" in senior kindergarten and grades 1 and 2, Rabinowitz said.

A reading specialist will go into the classroom for a certain number of hours each week ("the exact number depends on available funds"). He or she will work with the teacher to identify children at risk of developing reading problems and will institute a program, plan necessary modifications to classroom procedures and work with the children.

Depending on how the program develops and on the needs of the child, Rabinowitz said, there may also be remedial and withdrawal help, or a resource teacher made available.

Rabinowitz has drawn on programs existing elsewhere, such as the Scarborough Reading Recovery program, for ideas.

"What is common to all these programs is that if you give lots of attention, you have a better chance of getting a kid into the reading mode early. That will make it easier for him to continue in the system."

This is not intended to deal with actual learning disabilities, Rabinowitz noted, although, he said, "It will hopefully identify children who will need special education."

The intention, he said, "is to get kids off to a good start."

Operation Reading Boost came about at the instigation of the Vaad Hachinuch of Associated, who wanted to ensure that children faced with the difficulties of a double program would get all the help they need to remain in the day school system.

Funding is coming from the operating budget of the school and is projected at $62,000 for capital costs and an initial operating cost of about $85,000.

Randy Spiegel, coordinator of capital projects and public relations for Associated, calls Operation Reading Boost "a cutting edge program."

It will not only benefit the child with problems, he says, but "can bump a kid who is just doing OK to a higher level."

Vancouver Island students, teachers study Holocaust

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — More than 1,100 high school students and teachers from 21 schools in lower Vancouver Island recently spent a day learning the facts about the Holocaust at the University of Victoria.

It was the third annual Holocaust symposium, but the first attended by students outside the Greater Victoria area.

The symposium was sponsored and hosted by the university's faculties of law and history. History professor Phyllis Senese chaired the event.

The students heard from and questioned survivors, a Righteous Gentile who hid a Jewish family in his native Holland, and two German-Canadians who discussed, Could It Happen Again?

The students asked survivors "How could you stand it? Why didn't you give up? How did you keep going?"

Peter Gary, who had been in Bergen-Belsen, replied: "We had anger, fatigue, even thought of suicide. But somehow we kept going and stayed alive."

Round of applause

Gary, who is chairman of the local Holocaust Society, said the symposia prepare students "for life. Your future depends on the life you build here."

Syrt Wolters, the Righteous Gentile, was given a big round of applause.

German-born Tom Bredohl, of the university's history department, and syndicated newspaper columnist Hubert Bayer spoke about the need to remember the Holocaust.

Ken McVay and Rick Kool, who monitor and fight racism on the Internet, showed examples of the kind of hate material sent out via computer.

"If you see something on the Net that bothers you, try to negate it," McVay advised. He has been awarded the Order of British Columbia for his work in fighting hate on the Internet.

Students of Victoria High read an act from the Holocaust play, *Keeping the Memory*.

The students were welcomed to the symposium by rabbi Victor Reinstein, and he thanked them for attending.

Teachers were asked to make suggestions for an anti-racism program to be presented for inclusion in the province's school curriculum.

Correction

TORONTO — The name of the new president of Jewish Family and & Child Service, Michael Bowman, appeared incorrectly in last week's *CJN*.

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Splinter party in the offing

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The central committee ballot followed a speech by Netanyahu severely attacking factionalism and laying the blame for the party's 1992 defeat squarely at Levy's door.

For his part, Levy accused Netanyahu of having "unleashed unbridled incitement of the lowest imaginable form against a veteran member of this party and against his veteran colleagues."

Netanyahu used "every possible vituperation to express unmitigated hate," Levy said.

Despite last week's angry words — the latest in Levy's ongoing battle with arch-rival Netanyahu — it remains unclear whether Levy will follow through and launch his own party.

Much of that guesswork could be cleared up this Sunday, when Levy is scheduled to lay out his detailed plans at a mass meeting for his followers from across the country.

But it's not clear what impact Levy's secession would have on the 1996 elections.

For the first time next year, Israelis will hold direct elections for prime minister.

And even though recent polls indicate that Netanyahu would defeat Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in those elections, a survey released last Friday suggested that Netanyahu would lose to Rabin if Levy seceded from Likud.

But even if Levy does not call for a secession from Likud, he could decide not to help turn out the vote for Likud among his supporters, most of whom come from a Sephardi, working-class background and whose votes would be crucial to Netanyahu's victory.

This is not the first time Levy has played the game of brinkmanship with Netanyahu.

Similar claims of exclusion came from the Levy camp in the wake of Likud's internal elections in 1991 and nearly resulted in a party split.

Indeed, a leading political columnist, Hanna Kim of the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz*, dubbed the present rift a "late divorce," directly linking the earlier confrontation to the current hostilities.

Levy, preferring to keep his tactical plans close to his chest, stopped short of announcing his immediate secession from the party this week.

As a result, key Netanyahu supporters maintained that this left space for an 11th-hour compromise.

But many observers believe the die is cast. The split is now a fact of political life and what remains is to see what sort of political strength Levy can gather around his projected new party.

Part of Levy's tactical problems relate to his status in the current Knesset. Because of the drubbing his camp took in Likud's 1991 internal elections, most of Levy's close lieutenants failed to make it into the current Knesset.

In fact, he can only count on one serving Knesset member, Dan Tichon, to break away with him from the present Likud faction.

But under Knesset rules, a breakaway faction needs the support of at least one-third of the members of the mother party in order to be entitled to state financing.

Other possible allies include disgruntled Likud Liberals such as Moshe Nissim, who was also a senior minister in past Likud governments.

A new, Levy-led party would presumably adopt a rightist platform — though a more moderate one than the Likud's.

Levy has long been regarded as a voice of moderation within the Likud, as his record as a minister over the years reflects.

On the eve of the September 1982 massacre at the Sabra and Shatila refugee camp in Lebanon, for example, Levy was the only cabinet minister to urge that the Israel Defence Force take control of areas held by the Lebanese Christians who carried out the massacre.

Military level talks resume

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Christopher also announced that along with the military talks, negotiations would resume between the Israeli and Syrian ambassadors on non-military issues.

The secretary offered a highly optimistic assessment of the prospects for a deal on the Israeli-Syrian track.

"I think that this trip has reinforced my feeling that there is a tremendous opportunity to move now toward a goal of a comprehensive peace, perhaps a better opportunity than at any time during the 2½ years that I have been in office," he said.

Christopher also announced that U.S. President Bill Clinton was willing to return to the region if his presence would help move the long-troubled talks forward.

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Students use Internet to talk to survivors

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Survivors' personal reminiscences are the best tool Joe Alessandro has to teach non-Jewish students in rural Ontario about the Holocaust.

There are no Jews in and around Walsingham, Ont., a village of a few hundred people about 60 km southeast of London, so Alessandro's Grade 7 current events class at Walsingham Public School is using the Internet to talk to survivors.

After posting queries, the 25 kids found three survivors on the global computer network, and together with standard texts and some milder scenes from *Schindler's List*, have pieced together their first glimpse of the Holocaust.

"At first, there was disbelief and anger," Alessandro told *The CJN* in a telephone interview from Walsingham, just north of Lake Erie, in the heart of Ontario's tobacco farming country. "But one thing that has impressed me was their maturity level. They've gotten fairly deeply into it."

This has been the second year Alessandro has taught the Holocaust. His class of 12- and 13-year-old students includes "about seven or eight German kids. But we've received no negative feedback at all. I've had great support from the principal and parents are solidly behind us."

The Internet led Alessandro's class to Harold Gordon of Salinas, Cal., a survivor of Buchenwald and author of *The Last Sunrise*, a book of his wartime recollections; a survivor of Auschwitz who now lives in Melbourne, Australia, and another Auschwitz survivor in Israel.

Chatting with the three has had "a tremendous impact" on the students. "It gives them an immediate sense of what happened."

But the Internet's darker side hasn't been ignored. Alessandro says the students have also tapped into the network's wealth of Holocaust denial material freely available to anyone.

Their reaction to that, their teacher notes, was, 'Oh yeah. These people [the survivors] just made the whole thing up.' "

In all, Alessandro's Holocaust class "has evoked the most passion of any subject I teach."

Writing contest winners named

TORONTO — Six young Toronto students were honored recently for their winning entries in the second annual Provincial Writing Contest on the Holocaust.

Junior division winners were Basima Roshan, Humber Valley Middle School, North York, Grade 7; Carmia Bitzan, Grade 7 at Cummer Valley Middle School in North York; and Caitlin Mills, Linden School, North York, Grade 8.

Winners in the senior division, were Gillian Perera, St. Joseph's Collegiate School, Toronto, Grade 11; Emily Chung, St. Clement's School, Toronto, OAC; and Anita Brinkman, Chatham Christian High School, Grade 10.

The contest was sponsored by the youth for youth subcommittee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, under the leadership of students Laura Jacob from the University of Toronto and Amy Stork of Thornhill Secondary School.

Over 100 entered the province-wide writing contest, which was on the topic: What are the lessons of the Holocaust for Canadians today?

The judges were Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg, Ryerson Polytechnical University; Malka Rosenberg, anti-racism consultant for the Ontario Anti-Racism Secretariat; Harold Lass, head of the English Department at Northern Secondary School; Morry Patt, retired superintendent of the North York Board of Education; and Prof. Jacques Kornberg, University of Toronto.

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Jerusalem Pavilion returns to Bloor JCC for Caravan

TORONTO — Many Toronto residents have their first taste of Israel at the Jerusalem Pavilion of the annual multi-cultural Festival Caravan.

An estimated 10,000 visitors will browse in this year's *shuk*, sample Israeli delicacies and take in musical performances at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre from June 17 to 24.

Indoor entertainment will be provided daily by the award-winning Jerusalem Dancers under artistic choreographer Rivka Atzmony and the Neimot singers led by musical director Doron Ophir.

A rooftop garden will feature musicians and singers directed by Ted Lebow.

A slide show featuring 800 shots of Israel will capture the country's beauty from north to south.

A Jerusalem pavilion menu, including falafel, hummus, Mitzli juice and the "Jerusalem Spritzer," has been prepared by Caterers York Ltd.

Limore Twena is the pavilion princess, and longtime pavilion volunteer Len Berk is this year's mayor. Monty Mazin is serving as honorary chair and mayor.

Hours for the pavilion are June 17, motzei Shabbat to 1 a.m.; June 18, 3 p.m. to 11 p.m.; June 19 to 22, 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.; and June 24, motzei Shabbat to 1 a.m. The pavilion is closed on Friday, June 23.

The Bloor JCC is located at 750 Spadina Ave., just south of Bloor.

As in past years, the pavilion is being sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada. Air Canada, which is initiating non-stop flights to Israel from Toronto as of this month, is the "Platinum" sponsor.

Passports, good for entrance to all 40 Caravan pavilions, may be purchased at any Bank of Montreal, from B'nai Brith Canada, or at the Caravan office (977-0466). During the festival, passports are available at all pavilions. The price is $14 for the entire festival, $7 for a one-day passport. Admission is free for children 12 and under.

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Baycrest Challenge draws close to 2,000

TORONTO — Close to 2,000 children, adults, seniors and dogs trekked through the streets of North York for this year's Baycrest Challenge, held May 14.

The challenge, in its 15th year, is expected to raise more than $100,000 for Alzheimer's disease research and a pet visiting program at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Paul Barron and Elaine Coburn won the five-kilometre run, and Nick Tsioris and Laura Konantz won the 10-kilometre run. Also participating were 400 members of the Mon Sheong Foundation of Toronto's Chinese community, with special guest Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall.

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Goldbloom named chancellor of TUNS

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Several months ago, Ruth Goldbloom was invited to be chancellor of Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS) in Halifax. She took some time deciding whether to accept.

"I am a low-tech woman and this was a hi-tech university," she laughed, adding she agonized about what she could contribute to Nova Scotia's only engineering school.

She accepted the post last December, however, and is to be installed on May 10.

Born in New Waterford, N.S., educated at Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B., and at McGill University, Goldbloom has been a mainstay of the Halifax and Atlantic communities since returning to her native province a couple of decades ago.

When she is installed as TUNS' fourth chancellor, she will add to a resume that includes three other university board appointments, an honorary degree and service in countless community organizations.

"I accepted the TUNS' position when I looked back at the opportunities my mother never had," Goldbloom said. "She left the Soviet Union and came to Glace Bay when she was 12. She had been eligible for high academic achievement in the Soviet Union but Jews were not allowed to pursue them. To her, education was always important and I feel the same way. We must make it available to everyone."

Goldbloom, who served on the boards of Mount Allison University and Mount St. Vincent University in Halifax and chaired fundraising drives at Dalhousie University (from which she holds an honorary degree), said she has several goals as chancellor at TUNS. A former chairman of the board at Mount St. Vincent, which numbers mostly women among its students, she wants to increase the female registration in TUNS' engineering, architecture and computer science programs, by speaking to alumni groups and high school counsellors and developing programs to bring high school students to visit the TUNS' campus.

"I also want to develop a commitment from undergraduates and alumni to their university. We know government money is drying up and we'll look more and more to our own people for support."

She said it's important to let undergrads know the cost of educating them, "which, I hope, will increase their commitment to the university."

Goldbloom said there is no job description for a chancellor, which in some cases, is strictly a ceremonial role.

"I can't do that. I don't get my kicks from that," said the woman who chaired the Metro Halifax United Way, headed a Mount St. Vincent fund drive and was national chair for Dalhousie's annual fund.

When asked the length of the term, Goldbloom said, "It's for three years. At my age, I don't even buy green bananas."

Benefits of peace lauded by WZO chair

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Though terror and violence have cast a shadow over the peace process, the benefits of peace are evident in Israel, maintains the chair of the World Zionist Organization and Jewish Agency delegation to the United States.

Gad Ben-Ari, a lawyer and broadcaster, took the New York position last summer. A sixth-generation Sabra, Ben-Ari traces his roots in Israel to the early 1800s, when his family left Poland for what was then Palestine.

During a recent two-day visit to Toronto, Ben-Ari,43, noted that Israel is experiencing "a tremendous [economic] boom.

"As a result of the peace treaty with Jordan, Israel has established relations with Morocco and Tunisia. We have established close ties with Arab gulf countries [such as] Quatar, Bahrain and Oman. The fruits of peace are already very much there, and we are only at the beginning of the process."

Ben-Ari is confident Israel is moving in the right direction, despite "setbacks, tremendous hardships and high emotions."

He is heartened by the peace-related concerns raised by Diaspora Jews he has met. "I think it's wonderful to meet people who care."

A strong believer in the need for a continuing relationship between Israelis and Diaspora Jews, Ben-Ari believes fundraising is a "central element" in creating that link. It should be based less on the notion of philanthropy, however, and more on that of partnership, he stressed. "Philanthropy is based on need; partnership on commitment."

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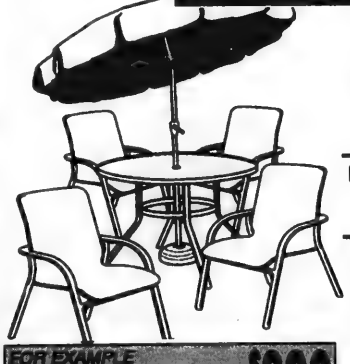
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What's New

DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines — Thursday, June 15, is deadline for June 29 issue. Thursday, June 22, is deadline for July 6 issue. Please note, since we will not be publishing a July 13 issue, all items that would ordinarily appear July 13 must be included in July 6 column. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Monday, June 19

JOY OF LEARNING

Women's Institute of Torah Study lectures for women at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue — Heaven and Hell in Jewish Tradition, 10-11 a.m., **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**; How Did the Mighty Fall? The Spies and Their Error, 8-9 p.m. **Chana Weisberg**; The Torah Perspective on Feminism, 9-10 p.m., **Chumy Friedberg**. 905-881-2012.

BBW TIKVAH CHAPTER

B'nai Brith Women Tikvah chapter (ages 22-35) closing meeting and pot luck dinner, 7:30 p.m. For details, **Michelle** 905-738-5525 or **Debbie** 398-2899.

Tuesday, June 20

NFJA MEETING

New Fraternal Jewish Association marks the 47th anniversary of the founding of the State of Israel with a musical program by folksinger **Lisa Shain**. A representative from the Israel Consulate will also be in attendance. 8 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St.

DOLLAR DAZE AUCTION

Aquarius chapter, B'nai Brith Women, annual Dollar Daze Auction at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., starts 6:30 p.m. with the Silent Auction and new merchandise tables followed by Live Auction 8 p.m. Admission $3. Proceeds to community services and BBW projects.

Wednesday June 21

SUPPORT GROUP

Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians, 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple, Enkin Boardroom. For information, call in confidence 763-9111.

SUNSENSE

Baycrest Centre Wellness Education Group presents Sunsense: How to Protect Your Skin with **Maria Corio**, Canadian Cancer Society, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Wagman Centre. Admission $2 at door. Register by June 20, 785-2500, ext. 2267. For information **Judy Chu**, ext. 2340.

ANOREXIA GROUP

Marriage and Eating Disorders: Couples in Focus with **Antoinette Dunn** is the topic of Anorexia Bulemia Family Support Group, 7:30 p.m., New City Hall, Nathan Phillips Square. 766-8134.

Thursday, June 22

A KID-DUSH FOR YIDDISH

A Kid-dush For Yiddish, a children's celebration in song produced by **Faye Kellerstein** and introducing Toronto's own Kinder-Chorus performing Yiddish theatre and folksongs, plus guest artists **Marvin Rosenshein, Sydney Perlmutter** and Klapman's Klezmer Band, 7:30 p.m., Fairview Library Theatre (Sheppard and Don Mills). Adults $10, children $5. For tickets 633-6558.

And What Else Is New...

JERUSALEM PAVILION

Visit Metro International Caravan's Jerusalem Pavilion, July 17-24, Bloor Jewish Community Centre, for Israeli entertainment, kosher Israeli delicacies, Israeli/Jewish products and more. Passports for all of Caravan's 40 pavilions $14. 633-6224.

BAYSVILLE SYNAGOGUE

B'nai Isaac Synagogue of Baysville, Lake of Bays, opens its summer season June 30 weekend. Services Friday night sundown and Saturday 9:45 a.m. 633-2320 or 636-2223 or Baysville 705-767-3084.

GOLF DAY

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO first annual Golf Day for men and women golfers, Thursday, July 27, at Glen Eagle Golf Club, promises lots of fun, prizes, great food. Information/registration 630-8373.

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PRESENTATION

On behalf of Chaverim, Temple Emanu-El, Brenda Waltman (right) and Marlene Landa (left) presented a check to the Emergency Apartment for abused women and their families, co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service and B'nai Brith Women. Donation represents proceeds from Homes for Hope pins sold to assist Jewish women and their children. For information about purchasing pins, 449-3880.

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What's New

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Rabbi Yitzchok Breitowitz

LAW, ETHICS & MEMORIES

Ohr Somayach three-lecture series, Law, Ethics and Memories, with **Rabbi Yitzchok Breitowitz**, professor of law, University of Maryland, and rabbi of the Woodside Synagogue Ahavas Torah, Silver Spring — Sunday, June 18, Is This Justice? How Would O.J. Simpson Fare in a Jewish Court?, 8:30 p.m., Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange; Monday, June 19, It's a Dog-Eat-Dog World: Is There Room for Ethics in the Marketplace? 12:30 p.m. (lunch at noon, reservations please), Downtown Learning Centre; Monday, June 19, 50 Years After the Holocaust: Can We Forgive the Germans, Can We Forgive G-d?, 8:30 p.m. Ohr Somayach Thornhill. 905-886-5730.

WOMEN'S ROSH HODESH

Women's Rosh Hodesh celebration second annual siyum, Thursday, June 29, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, registration 6:45 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., followed by Mincha and shiur with **Rachel Turkienicz**, The Societal and the Divine — Orthodoxy and Feminism, Part 3. $20. Preregistration and payment deadline June 22.

YIDDISH COURSE

A course in Yiddish language and teaching methodology offered by Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, with **Ellie Kellman**, lecturer in Yiddish, University of Toronto, runs 24 weeks, starting Sept. 21. Course earns student a credit from Board of Jewish Education Jewish Teachers' Seminary. **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

LEARNING EXCHANGE

Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd., Suite 203 — Sunday, June 18, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Role Playing: Mothers and Fathers, **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**; Tuesday, June 20, 8-9 p.m., Bikkur Cholim: The Healing Visit, **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**. 483-0883.

REFORM MINYAN

Downtown Reform Minyan informal, egalitarian services and workshops, Bloor Jewish Community Centre — Saturday, June 17, 10 a.m.; Friday, June 23, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, July 1, 10 a.m. A kiddush follows each service. 905-844-4185.

BEREAVED FAMILIES

A self-help group for parents is offered by Bereaved Jewish Families of Ontario providing support following the death of a child. Groups meet weekly for eight weeks. **Maureen Feder**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 202.

VENDORS WANTED

Vendors wanted for craft and gift show being held by Beersheba Club, Na'amat Canada, Monday, Sept. 4 (Labor Day), 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Bayview Village Mall. 636-5425 days or **Ruth Jacobson** 493-1089 evenings.

SUMMER CAMP

Register now for summer camp sponsored by North York Parks and Recreation at Earl Bales Park. One program for ages 2½-4½, two programs for parent and tot 15 months-2½ years. Programs run seven weeks. **Rachel** 905-731-7216 or come to the Community Centre, Room 1, 9-11:30 a.m., Monday to Thursday.

AISH HATORAH

Barbecues, Beaches, Baseball and Bereshis series with **Rabbi Yosef Michalowicz** continues with Session III, Barbecues, Tuesday, June 20, The Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W., and Wednesday, June 21, Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Promenade, Suite 303.

GRANDPARENTING

Jewish Family & Child Service workshop on grandparenting through divorce, Tuesday, June 27, 7 p.m., Promenade branch, 3rd floor, Promenade Mall. Topics include grieving the loss of your child's marriage; maintaining a climate of love and security for your grandchildren, and remaining neutral during conflict. Information/registration, **Pat Lieberman**, 738-7800, ext. 215.

DAY NURSERY PROGRAMS

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HEBREW SCHOOL

Ahavat Israel Hebrew School, now accepting registration for the 1995/6 Sunday school program for ages 5-12, offers Hebrew language, reading, writing, prayers, holidays, Jewish history, Bible and special events. **Leslie Shapiro** 905-731-5054.

LZA Seniors Club — Trips include Pines Hotel in the Catskills July 27-August 6, and Stratford for *The Gondoliers* Sept. 6, **Belle** 633-5841 or **Libby** 782-2059. Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. at Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Lifestyle Retirement Community Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., introduction of new ownership of the Lifestyle family by International Care Corp., plus strawberry social, boutique sale and entertainment by the Dixieland Band, Wednesday, June 21, 1:30 p.m. Admission free but reservations required. **Marlene White** 785-1511.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club — Stress management program by **Edmund Chanow**, lecture includes relaxing techniques, Monday, June 19, 1 p.m. Stratford trips to see *The Boyfriend* Sept. 27, and *The Gondoliers* Oct. 25. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel: **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). June 19 program is bingo. 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dances June 17 and 24, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dance June 25 7:30-10:30 p.m.; movie *Silk Stockings* Wednesday, June 21, 2 p.m.; trips — Kitchener June 21; Cullen Gardens Whitby, June 29; Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls, July 6; Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills July 24-30. 395-7881.

CREATIVE LIVING CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Social action committee presents **Senator Anne Cools** discussing Families in Crisis — The Hidden Issues, Monday, June 19, 1 p.m. **Sheila Zane**.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre lecture, Making Your Home More Manageable, with **Todd Colter**, consultant to Barrier Free Design Centre, Thursday, June 22, 1:30.

Working Together For Change, a group for women over 55 who have been or are in relationships that hurt, eight sessions. Confidential interview with group leader, a social worker from Jewish Family & Child Service. **Sheila Zane, Sharon Zeller, Helen Issenberg.**

The movie, *Little Man Tate*, Sunday, June 18, 2:30 p.m.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, June 18, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Wednesday social June 21, 1:30 p.m., features the Russian Choir.

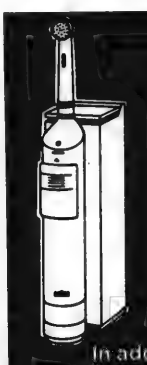
Etrog, an Israeli cultural group for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. **Anna**.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Community volunteer Monty Mazin (centre) displays plaque presented to him as "chairman of the board of directors Global Ed-Med Supplies of Canada Inc. (GEMS) in recognition of dedicated service to those in desperate need around the world." With him are GEMS chair William Mindell and GEMS founder and executive director Doreen Wicks. [Justin Peffer photo]

KIDS' HEBREW STORIES PUBLISHED

From left, Matan Volach, Stephanie Grover, Sara Citron and Michelle Burke, grade 4 and 5 students at Leo Baeck Day School, display certificates they received from Histadrut Ivrit of America. These students have each had a Hebrew story published in the magazine *Tov Lichtov*.



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Life cycle rituals part of Jewish life

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Although references to Jewish life cycle rituals such as brit millah, baby naming and bar/bat mitzvah are minimal in the Bible, such rituals have become an increasingly significant part of Jewish life today.

"Religion in North America has become a public experience," explained leading Jewish feminist Norma Joseph at a recent gathering.

The Montreal scholar was the final speaker in the Perspectives series of the Young Leadership Network of United Jewish Appeal, held at a number of Toronto homes. She also spoke about agunot at a UJA Women's Campaign meeting.

"The life cycle ritual is important because it's ... another way of the community saying, 'Welcome, you're part of us.' " For the celebrant, it's "a chance to show [the] community that being a Jew counts," Joseph said.

Joseph equated life cycle rituals with Jewish continuity, even when the emphasis is more on the party than on the religious content. "Somewhere there's room to begin to inject that tie that binds them with God and community.

"All those rituals become more important in the modern period because of the shift from the [shtetl] community to individuals and a secular world. Maybe my great-grandmother didn't need these opportunities. She had a different way of hooking in."

And as rituals became more commonplace, gender difference became more pronounced, Joseph pointed out. "Women said, 'What about me?' "

These days, women in every denomination of Judaism are acknowledged as public Jews at the time they become bat mitzvah, Joseph said.

Interestingly, although the status of bar mitzvah was mentioned in the Talmud, which was finished around the year 500 CE, there is no known mention of a bar mitzvah celebration before the 1500s, Joseph said.

The bat mitzvah ceremony has its roots in 19th-century Germany and in Baghdad, Joseph said, where a local rabbi had a 12-year-old girl recite the Shehechiyanu prayer to mark her coming of age.

For Jewish life cycle rituals to involve women is "not radical; it's rational."

CJN Rosh Hashanah Photo Contest

The CJN announces its Rosh Hashanah photo contest. We are asking our readers to submit photographs either of Israel or of any Jewish theme in their communities. They must be original photos taken by the reader.

Who can enter:
Anyone can enter except *CJN* employees or members of their family.

How to enter:
A maximum of three photos per entrant may be submitted. Please place your name, address and phone number on the back of each photo. We can only return the photos if you provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope. We cannot be responsible however for any photos lost in the mail.

You may mail or deliver your photos to:
CJN Rosh Hashanah Contest, The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 3A1.

The contest closes at 3 p.m. on August 18, 1995.

Prizes:
The judges will choose the three photographs which, in their opinion, are most evocative.

The winning submissions will be published in *The CJN* Rosh Hashanah issue. In addition, each of the winners will receive a cheque for $100.

We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only three will be selected as the winners. We will also select other photographs for publication as honorable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

How the winners will be notified:
Winning entrants will be notified by telephone before the start of the Shabbat on Friday, August 25.

When the prizes will be awarded:
The winning photos will be published in *The CJN* of Sept. 21.

We look forward to receiving your submissions. May the camera's eye capture the stirrings of your heart. Good luck.

Any litigation respecting the conduct and awarding of a prize in this contest may be submitted to the Régie des Loteries et courses du Québec.

Arts

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Yiddish Concert at Earl Bales: For 14 consecutive years, a concert of Yiddish folk music has been held outdoors at Earl Bales Park, at the southeast corner of Sheppard Avenue and Bathurst Street, North York. This year's concert, presented as usual by the Committee for Yiddish, is scheduled for Monday June 26 at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

As in years past, the concert promises to provide an evening of authentic, lively Yiddish music. Stella Walker, a Vancouver soprano who is a popular comedy cabaret and opera performer in Toronto, headlines with a selection of Yiddish folk songs. Moscow-born baritone Leonid Karpinsky, Israeli musician Yossi Abramowich and his band, and the Zemer Choral of the Beth Emeth Synagogue, directed by Charles Heller, are also slated to perform.

Everyone is welcome to this event, and concertgoers are advised to bring chairs and blankets from home. Public transportation is recommended. Rain location is Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., North York. For information, call Sylvia Lustgarten, 635-2883 ext. 155.

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Award-Winning Clarinetist in Performance: The Sinai Musical Legacy Award is presented annually by Temple Sinai to a talented young Jewish musician at the threshold of his or her career. This year's winner, Shalom Bard, is a brilliant young clarinetist and the assistant conductor of the Oakville Symphony Orchestra.

Born in Haifa, Bard, 21, arrived in Canada four years ago and is currently enrolled in the Performing Arts program at the Faculty of Music of the University of Toronto. He has performed as soloist with the Toronto Symphony and the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra, and has won many awards and scholarships as both a performer and a conductor.

Hear Shalom Bard perform, accompanied by pianist Jennie Jong, at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., Toronto, Wednesday June 14, 8 p.m. 487-4161.

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Barbara Hepworth Retrospective at AGO: Miles Nadal, president and CEO of MDC Corporation, has taken up the challenge that Gluskin Sheff sent out during its sponsorship of the Barnes Collection of fine impressionist paintings last year at the Art Gallery of Ontario. Nadal is the sponsor of the Barbara Hepworth Retrospective that opened in late May at the AGO and remains on view until August 7.

Born in 1958 and educated at three Ontario universities, Nadal opened a photography studio in 1980, and saw the potential for a company that could provide a wide range of integrated marketing and communications services. Today, MDC is a publicly-traded company that boasts more than 350 employees and annual revenues of close to $100 million.

Nadal is married to the former Joanne Fogler and has two daughters. He sits on the board of directors for Mount Sinai Hospital and chairs its Young Leadership program. He is also a director of the United Jewish Appeal executive committee and of the Canadian Weizmann Institute of Science.

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Riot At Christie Pits — The Movie: A documentary about Toronto's infamous riot at Christie Pits began production this month. Produced by Breakthrough Films and Television Inc., the made-for-TV documentary is intended to vividly portray the racial tensions and social climate of Depression-era Toronto that culminated in the riot that involved some 10,000 people on August 16, 1933.

The intent of the filmmakers is to draw parallels between attitudes towards minorities in the 1930s and today. Participants in the production include former boxer and community leader Sammy Luftspring, former crime reporter Jocko Thomas, and Dr. Cyril Levitt, co-author of the book about the riots that received wide attention several years ago.

Producers of the documentary are Ira Levy and Peter Williamson, creators of the children's show *The Adventures of Dudley the Dragon* and other programs. A dramatic re-enactment is set for shooting at the end of June. For information or to attend the shoot, contact The Publicity House, 323-1500.

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Harold Lederman (c.) Chairman of the Baycrest Foundation Board with his wife Shirley (l.) and Tobie Bekhor

Top: A smiling Marla Wasser (c.) enjoying herself with Cynthia Rosenthal (l.) and another of our happy guests

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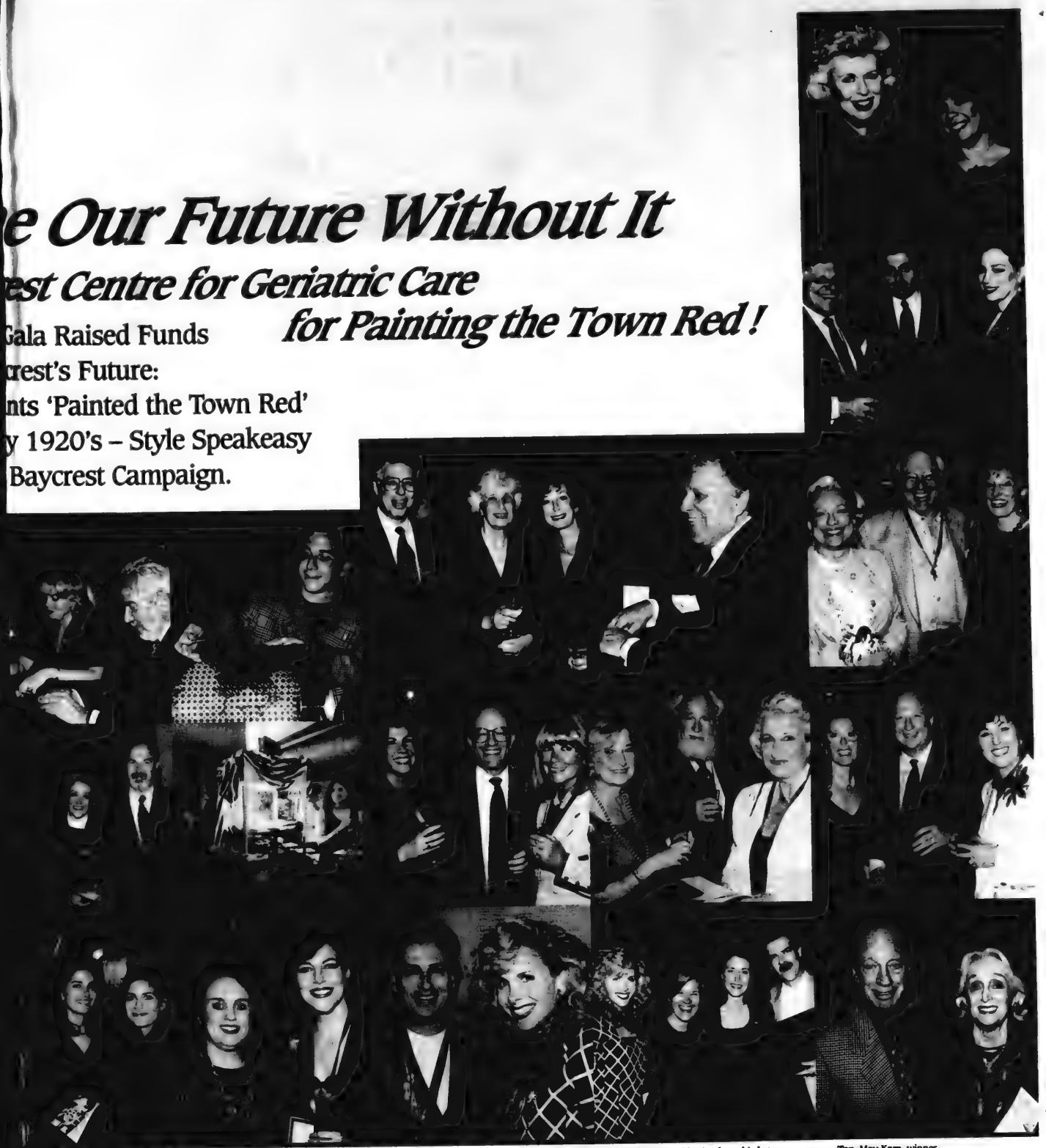

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Marla Wasser, Chair of 'Paint the Town Red' with her husband Larry. A proud night for both.

Top: David Goldstein places his bets

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(L to r.) Marla Wasser, Gala Chair, Pat Piro-Chen, Air Canada with Heather and Max Gotlieb, the happy winners of the 'Paint the Town Red' door prize - 2 round trip tickets to Tel Aviv, Israel

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Investment in Israel called lucrative

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — A New York investment banker who helped raise $1.5 billion for 20 Israeli companies over the past 3½ years spoke at a luncheon held by the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry recently.

Just before the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) decline that followed the Mexican currency crisis, the companies he took public had a higher stock price growth rate than any other group on U.S. exchanges, said Harvey Krueger, senior managing director of Lehman Brothers Inc. About 60 Israeli companies are currently traded in New York.

Lately the interest of U.S. investors in developing countries has waned, but Krueger predicted that "less known markets like Israel will again begin to be more and more attractive," since stock markets are cyclical.

Israeli companies that successfully sold their stocks internationally are technologically advanced, profitable and mostly export oriented, said Krueger.

He said the Israeli government played a part in helping them attract international capital by providing loans and grants to build communications and transportation links, as well as by reducing inflation and introducing a stable tax policy.

"When tax policy was unstable, domestic and foreign investment interest was unreliable," he said.

Israel's free trade agreements with the United States and the European Common Market make it possible to have three-way, tariff-free business arrangements, Krueger said, and stock exchange regulations that ensure disclosure in a manner consistent with world standards "permit investor confidence."

Experiencing rapid growth

Israeli industries now compete effectively with leading international companies and Israel is one of the 12 most developed countries in the world, he said. "It's gone in 10 years from a country in a lot of trouble to a successful, developed growing country."

Technically, Israel is no longer an emerging-market country, but what it does have in common with such countries is rapid growth. Israel expects growth of 5 per cent again in 1996, unemployment is down to 7.8 per cent and investment makes up 23½ per cent of gross domestic product, Krueger noted. The TASE has 638 companies listed and last year generated $27.2 billion in volume.

The economies of mature nations such as the United States no longer dominate the world economic scene, he said, adding that Israel has a growth rate almost twice that of the U.S.

Israel now has an investment grade credit rating of BBB+ (triple B plus), and if not for the recent disruption in emerging markets, it would be an A- (A minus) or an A, he said.

Despite the good economic news, Krueger confessed he is not a Pollyanna about Israel because "everything is not rosy." Inflation, which had been moving steadily downward since the mid '80s to as low as under 10 per cent in 1993, rose to 14½ per cent in 1994.

As for the peace process, he stressed that investors in the Middle East will take political risk into account, so that "stability in the political environment is subsequently more important than sympathies in choosing sides."

After years of hostility, far too little thought has been given to normalizing economic relations within the region, he said.

Businesspeople in the Mideast, rather than governments, are starting to work together to improve the living standards there, he said, citing recent Israeli private sector joint ventures with Egyptian and Jordanian companies.

"They have broken ground and the governments will probably wait for the peace process to be finished. Private capital is an instrument, if used effectively, to foster the peace process, not thwart it."

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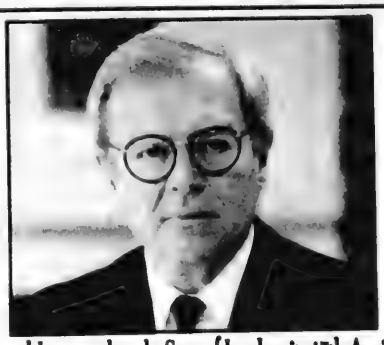

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Partnership helps brain scan analysis

By CELINE MIGDAL
Special to The CJN

MONTREAL — A unique link between a Canadian and Israeli company to develop the best use of neural network technology for brain scan analysis was announced recently by Dr. Henri Rothschild, president of Canada-Israel Industrial Research & Development Foundation (CIIRDF).

Rothschild, former chief scientist of Industry Canada, said the agreement to fund the feasibility venture between International Neural Machines Inc. (INM) of Waterloo, Ont., and Elscint Ltd. of Haifa, Israel, is the first of its kind for Canada and holds great promise for technical innovation that will benefit both countries.

"There's interesting potential in this initiative," said Rothschild. "This is a strong team with a good mix of expertise."

In 1994, Elscint Ltd. celebrated 25 years in medical imaging systems based on computer technology. Elscint successfully develops, manufactures and markets this technology internationally.

INM, incorporated in Ontario in 1990, is a pioneer in the field of neural network technology and its application to medical diagnostics and decision support systems. It

Henri Rothschild

develops software and hardware used for character recognition and speech synthesis.

The INM-Elscint joint project will focus on developing the best use of neural network technology for brain scan analysis and interpretation of Single Photon Emission Computerized Tomography (SPECT) images.

This will not only help to better understand brain functions, it will also help control costs in providing these services by health care providers and administrators. Medical researchers from the Department of Radiological Sciences, Mount Sinai Hospital of Toronto, will also collaborate in the project.

"We're not aware of any other binational groups applying similar techniques to CT brain scans," said Rothschild. "Should this study yield positive results, we fully expect to support a full-scale joint R&D effort by INM and Elscint."

CIIRDF was established in 1994 to provide highly specialized research and development between Canadian and Israeli companies on joint projects. CIIRDF provides 50 per cent of development costs. If the project proves successful and commercially viable, the contribution will be repaid by the two partners from the profits.

"A Canada-Israel research partnership makes good sense," Rothschild said. Israel's scientific prowess is recognized globally and its eight universities provide a well-trained and eager source of young technical "wizards." He said there is no doubt the quality of research in Israel's universities is top-drawer.

As for quantity, "Israel's overall rate of investment in research and development is, as a percentage of gross domestic product, more than double that of Canada," Rothschild said. "Israel has become the economic Singapore of the Middle East — all the economic indicators, particularly in R&D and science, point that way."

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Israelis attracted to Hong Kong

By RACHEL ALKALLAY
Special to The CJN

HONG KONG — The glamor capital of the Far East has attracted business worldwide — and Israel is no exception.

Israel's consul general to Hong Kong, Zohar Raz, has made the city his base since December 1994 although he is also accredited to the tiny Portuguese enclave of Macao, across the waters.

The staff at the Israeli consulate which is almost entirely Chinese, does not speak Hebrew and the Israelis do not speak Chinese. But as is common in Hong Kong, everything functions smoothly in English.

Raz expresses great admiration for Hong Kong and its industrious population of an estimated six million, who live and work peacefully on a mere 1,074 square kilometres. He notes how Hong Kong has blossomed as an economic power while occupying a tiny area of land on the tip of the Chinese mainland and with the constant looming presence of Communist China.

A large proportion of Hong Kong's Jewish population is made up of Israeli businessmen and other Jewish businessmen — mainly from the Commonwealth — seeking to profit from the Southeast Asian "economic miracle." This has resulted in a rapid increase in the Jewish population of Hong Kong, now estimated at 2,000-3,000.

"Hong Kong is the gateway to China and Southeast Asia," said Raz, an elegant Israeli with a 30-year career in the diplomatic service. "Hong Kong is used as a trading centre — exports from Israel are shipped to Hong Kong, and from here, they are shipped elsewhere. Hong Kong's expertise lies in its expertise to ship around the world."

Zim, the Israeli shipping company, has done business in Hong Kong for years, with mainly Chinese staff.

"Relations with China are proceeding very fully," Raz said, also forecasting that Hong Kong will be the gateway from Australia to Israel, using the territory as a centre point.

Israel exported $676 million (US) to Hong Kong in 1994, a significant increase of $80 million over 1993. Hong Kong, utlizing over 100 years of practice as an exporting nation, sent the goods to all parts of the globe through its harbor facilities, one of the best in the world, and Kai Tak airport, its single runway one of the busiest in the world.

With the crumbling of the Arab boycott, countries previously hostile to Israel, like Vietnam and Thailand, are quietly exploring business opportunities there. Much of the economic boom in Southeast Asia requires the rapid development of a previously non-existent infrastructure. Israel, with its advanced communications technology, can provide the expertise so badly needed.

Communist China is scheduled to take over Hong Kong in 1997.

When asked about what will happen after 1997, Raz, ever the diplomat, smiles and replies: "After 1997, there will be 1998."

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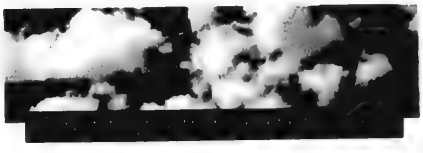

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Tribute to Israel

Israel's future 'rosy and optimistic'

By CARL ALPERT
Special to The CJN

HAIFA — In the face of some of the depressing and critical news reports from Israel these days, let's look at some good news for a change. We don't have far to look. Bank Hapoalim, Israel's largest bank, has just published a rosy and optimistic picture of the Israel economy which gladdens the heart and lifts the spirits.

If the facts presented are accurate, and if the situation continues for the next year and a half, the prospects of the Labor government in the next election may not be as bad as present political polls predict. For people tend to vote not on the basis of major political issues, like the Golan Heights, or settlements in Judea and Samaria, nor even the fate of Jerusalem, but on the basis of their own economic well-being, and their expectations of how their pockets will be affected in the future.

And so we smile optimistically as we study the report of the bank's economists. The two most important elements in the situation, they say, are the massive Russian immigration, and the peace process.

The immigration, while it brought about a temporary rise in unemployment, also put a downward pressure on wages. As a result, labor costs in the private sector went down, enabling firms to expand employment, and bringing unemployment down from close to 12 per cent to under eight per cent.

The benefits from the peace process, "even if the road to a comprehensive peace in the region may be a bumpy one," will be in three areas: drastic savings from reduction of the need to remain on a constant war footing; opening up of new trade relations with our neighbors; expansion of trade with other countries of the world. The reduction in the defence budget, which today constitutes a drain on the economy, will make available large sums for education, health and welfare, and will also enable reduction in taxes.

We are already growing at a rapid rate, even in comparison with the great powers. Thus, gross domestic product for the years 1990-93 increased by 1.5 per cent in the United States, 1.8 per cent West Germany, 3.3 per cent in Japan — and 5.4 per cent in Israel. Our unemployment situation was better than in countries like Canada, France, Italy, Spain, Greece, Ireland. On the international scene we are in the category of the booming states of the far East, like South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan.

An encouraging picture indeed — except that not everyone is in agreement with the bank's economists. Hard-headed businessmen, noting the identification of Bank Hapoalim economists with the program and policies of the present Labor-led government, take a different view of the situation.

They warn that unemployment has turned up again, production is lagging, the adverse balance of trade is widening, interest rates are too high — and the government has no solutions. Dan Propper, head of the Israel Manufacturers' Association, warns that the public is living in a fool's paradise, and that we are only moments away from economic catastrophe.

In a picturesque figure of speech, spokespeople for the private sector declare that the responsible government officials are busy neatly arranging the lounge chairs on the deck of a ship which is apt to sink at any moment.

They cite dismal reports of heavy losses being sustained by many industrial and commercial firms, following a previous year of good profits. However, a careful examination of the financial statements reveals that a large part of the losses were sustained not from the commercial or production operations of the companies, but from their use of liquidity to speculate in the booming stock market, hoping for larger profits than could be achieved from their normal operations. Then came the crash, and the heavy losses from the speculation, despite the fact that in many cases their production went up and sales increased.

For every favorable report, there is an offsetting one. Thus, while it is true that exports increased last year by about 12 per cent, imports went up by 19 per cent.

As we head into the 1996 election year we may expect a surge of government benefits designed to make the voter feel personally comfortable. Watch the news.

20 YEARS IN THE ECONOMY OF ISRAEL

	1975	1995
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Number of telephone lines	800,000	2,300,000
Number of Israelis traveling abroad	280,000	2,000,000
Their per cent of the population	8%	36%
Working age women	33%	50%
His/Her number of years of schooling	7-8	12
Engineers and technicians amongst industrial workers	4-5%	18%
Exports	1.8 Billion	18 Billion
Exports vs. imports	40%	75%
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Saltwater used to irrigate vines?

World Zionist Press Service

Golan, Gamla and Yarden are Israeli synonyms for good wine. In March, an unusual experiment was launched by the Jewish Agency — a vineyard in the Negev desert irrigated with salt water! Should it succeed, another name may be added to the fine wine list.

The 30 *dunams* of vines were planted near Kibbutz Sde Boker on the Beersheva-Eilat highway, as part of the Jewish Agency's Negev-Arava rural and development activities. The success of this experimental vineyard may lead to the planting of another 500 *dunams* in nearby Ramat Ovdah, at a cost of $1.8 million (US). It will create new jobs in the area and could also prompt the construction of a new "wine route" in the desert, which would be integrated into hi-tech agriculture, tourism and industry.

Yet the most intriguing part of this project is that the vines will be irrigated by salty water, pumped locally from the Qinoman Aquifer.

"The last grape-growers in this region were the Nabateans [300 BCE to 100 CE]," says Yigal Yerushalmi, director of the Negev Region of the rural and urban development department of the Jewish Agency. "And no-one has ever irrigated grapes with salty water. This will represent a major breakthrough in agriculture, and particularly in viticulture."

The salt water irrigation system, he claims, not only overcomes the natural problem of the availability of sweet water in the arid Negev desert, but also has other advantages. According to experimental research, the salt water will actually enhance the level of natural sugars in the fruit, and since it is pumped directly from a depth of 1,000 metres, the salinization of adjacent sweet water reservoirs — where traces of salt water were recently detected — will be prevented.

Arava, born on Kibbutz Sde Boker, named after the eastern part of the Negev desert, symbolically plants the first vine in Israel's first experimental salt-watered vineyard. [WZPS Photo]

Still dubious? According to Seruya, several quality wineries have already expressed an interest in the first yields, before planting has even begun. While the plan on paper seems far from dry, medium dry, or even sweet, the wine in the glass will be the litmus test for connoisseurs.

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Frenkel elected chair of IDB

Jerusalem Dateline

JERUSALEM — The 36th annual meeting of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in April was attended by some 2,500 delegates, including several dozen finance ministers and heads of government central banks.

At the start of three days of deliberations in Jerusalem's International Congress Centre, Bank of Israel governor Jacob Frenkel was elected chairman of the board of governors of the IDB. Frenkel, a former director of research for the international Monetary Fund (IMF), credited the honor with Israel's recent economic performance and growth of over six per cent per annum.

"The fact that a bank governor of a relatively small country like Israel," Frenkel observed, "is elected chairman of the IDB, reflects positively on Israel's economy."

The Washington-headquartered IDB is the world's largest regional development bank with 46 members, including the Latin American and Caribbean countries that it is designed to help, as well as Canada, the United States and 18 non-American members comprising 16 European states, Japan and Israel.

Newly elected chairman of the board of governors of the Inter-American Development Bank, Bank of Israel governor Jacob Frenkel addresses the annual meeting held this year in Jerusalem. [Photo: Israel Sun]

In the past six years some 15 Israeli firms have won $62 million (US) in IDB tenders. These companies include, for example, Tel Aviv-based Tahal Consulting Engineers, experts in water management, which has designed water supply systems in Guatemala, constructed pumping stations in El Salvador and is currently providing the engineering know-how for a hydro-electric power station in Venezuela.

Among the 30 trust funds administered by the IDB which facilitate infrastructure and industrial and scientific development in the region are the Israeli Consultant Trust Fund and the Israeli Technical Cooperation Fund.

Israel's trade with Latin America, which has risen dramatically in recent years, captured the attention of the delegates. Israeli exports to Latin America rose from $319 million in 1992 to $398 million in 1993 and $516 million last year. Imports from Latin America reached $270 million last year, compared to $225 million the previous year.

During the opening session Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin stressed the importance of economic development in fostering political stability and emphasized that the Middle East peace process will only gain momentum if Palestinian economic horizons are broadened.

Free Processing Zone gives Israel advantage

When the Knesset voted to pass the Israeli Free Processing Zones Law in June 1994, it made what many feel is a significant and far-reaching decision about the future of doing business in Israel.

The creation of a Free Processing Zone (FPZ) gives Israel an economic advantage: it provides the potential to attract up to $1 billion in direct foreign investment by offering tax incentives along with economic freedom to those companies who choose to locate within the zone.

The FPZ is essentially a business park, marked by secured boundaries, which operates by its own rules and regulations as stipulated by the Knesset-approved zones law. Companies operating within the zone are essentially "free" from the bureaucracy traditionally associated with establishing a business in Israel and "free" to conduct business in a free-market environment.

The FPZ gives export-oriented businesses an opportunity to thrive in an atmosphere dedicated to profits and growth through free enterprise. The incentive offered through the FPZ, when linked with Israel's Western-style infrastructure, sophisticated work force and strategic market access, accommodates the potential for growth and development without the constraints of political and bureaucratic interference.

The passage of the Free Processing Zones Law gives Israel the capability to attract investment, boost employment and increase exports — the tools it needs for unprecedented growth and economic independence.

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By LISA GALET
Special to The CJN

Job Search is a monthly column on job-searching techniques by job search consultant Lisa Galet. Readers can forward any questions to The CJN.

Many unemployed people in their 40s and up have come to me expressing fear of ever finding a job again. In many cases their fears are real. New graduates can have more education, more current knowledge and fewer grey hairs.

Rather than a stumbling block, these details can make the older worker a valuable employee in other ways. If you are an older worker this article is for you.

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The older worker especially needs to make sure he is respecting himself as much as he wants others to.

If carrying a business card is important, make one. List name, phone number and a line or two about what you are expert at doing. Hand out this card wherever you go. Attend professional association meetings and meet people. Present yourself as a specialist. Highlight a few of your abilities. Arrange for follow-up calls.

Only apply for jobs you are interested in doing and that will not lessen your self-respect. There is a job for everyone, it just might be difficult for you to locate the right one for you.

Consider becoming a professional consultant. Nowadays more and more people are becoming self-employed. Many companies prefer to hire an individual to accomplish a specific set of tasks over hiring on permanent staff.

Before you offer yourself for hire, however, research the market. Call competitors of your former employer and find out if they ever look for the type of expertise you provide. Ask them if they would consider talking to you. Then develop a business plan and market yourself.

If you require upgrading, take courses or attend seminars. Read publications that an expert in your field would read. Learn the new lingo for your field. Update your storehouse of experience. Ask someone you trust to take a look at how you dress, how you wear your hair. Even presidents and prime ministers update themselves from time to time.

As a final note, don't age yourself. It is not necessary to state on your resume that you graduated from Oxford in 1963. Just mention your degree and where you got it. Work experience before 1975 does not need to be on a resume. If you are returning to the work force after raising a family, highlight your strengths and abilities and list your voluntary activities. Once you've impressed someone with your skills and personality, they are less likely to worry about how old you are.

No Deal Unless Israel Has R&D Role

JERUSALEM — A ministerial committee linked Israel's final signature on a new free trade agreement with the European Union to Europe's willingness to have Israel play a non-voting role in the EU's multibillion dollar research and development budgeting panel.

The ministerial panel also called upon the EU to take steps to help redress the country's $7.4-billion (US) trade deficit with Europe. In a report released yesterday, the International Monetary Fund warned against the negative effect of Israel's ballooning trade deficit problem.

In absence of full agreement, the ministerial panel voted unanimously to merely initial the accord in principle.

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Sharansky launches new political movement

Will shift focus to immigration

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Natan Sharansky, the former Soviet Jewish activist and Prisoner of Zion, has announced the establishment of a new political movement he will lead.

"Yisrael ba-Aliyah" is expected to become a political party later in the year, making it eligible to compete in the 1996 elections. Observers agree it would be a magnet for new and recent arrivals.

The movement's name has two meanings in Hebrew — "Israel for immigration" and "Israel moving upward."

Speaking Wednesday in Hebrew and Russian before a crowd of more than 200 olim activists, Sharansky said the main aim of the movement is to change national priorities on immigration and absorption of Diaspora Jews.

The movement "strives to transform Israel from being a place of refuge for Jews escaping persecution, to being an attractive country for the world's Jewish Diasporas, in view of the quality of life and personal security which it offers its citizens," Sharansky said at a news conference.

He said another priority is to "strengthen the ideas of 'kibbutz galuyot,' the ingathering of the Jews the world over to Israel, and make it the central theme of our national agenda."

The movement, he explained, would focus on Israel's social problems, all of which are related directly or indirectly to aliyah and olim.

Natan Sharansky

The immediate goal, he said, is two-fold: to bring another million Jews from the former Soviet Union to Israel, and to better absorb and use the "potential" of recent immigrants.

He said only 10 per cent of immigrants' potential is being tapped.

"Our main goal is integration, not separation. Only the integration of the immigrant community can help solve the absorption problems, accelerate Israel's development."

The movement's leaders estimate it could win up to six Knesset seats in the 1996 elections.

"At the moment, it's a public political movement which will use all the political means at its disposal to gain its objectives," said former prisoner of conscience Yuli Edelstein, one of the group's founders. "If we don't succeed, we will consider turning into a party that will run for the Knesset."

Sharansky said he wants Israel "to attract new immigrants, rather than wait until a pogrom occurs, and they come anyway."

This is Sharansky's second attempt at establishing a political party for olim. He backed away from the idea just before the 1992 general elections.

The Russian olim party DA, which ran without him, failed to win representation in the Knesset.

More than 400,000 olim who emigrated from the former Soviet Union over the past few years will be eligible to vote in 1996. In addition, many of the more than 200,000 olim who came to Israel in the 1970s have become disenchanted with the major political parties.

Experts estimate that a new party catering to emigres could win as many as 10 Knesset seats and become a deciding force in Israeli politics.

Labor MKs join Third Way in call for early elections

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Three Labor members of the Knesset Sunday called on the government to resign and call elections.

MKs Avigdor Kahalani, Emanuel Zissman, and Ya'acov Sheffi voted along with executive members of the Third Way, demanding new elections "before this government creates any irreversible facts on the Golan and in Jerusalem."

The Third Way was founded last year by MKs opposed to the Labor government's handling of the peace process.

Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zvilli summoned the three renegade MKs to a meeting this past Monday.

The Third Way executive also asked to meet with Shas leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef in a bid to enlist Shas' five MKs to vote for bills on the Golan Heights.

The bills call for a special Knesset majority of 70 MKs and 50 per cent of eligible voters in a referendum to approve any territorial compromise.

The resolution is seen as bringing the Third Way nearer to becoming a full-fledged political party in time for the 1996 elections.

Last Sunday marked the first time the Third Way called for the government's resignation.

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Tsaban also pointed out that immigrant children have improved their academic performance, surpassing the national average success rate in college matriculation exams.

The findings were contained in first Immigrant Children in Israel report, published jointly by the ministry and the National Council for the Child in Israel.

The report found that children constituted 27 per cent of all immigrants who came between 1990 and the end of 1994.

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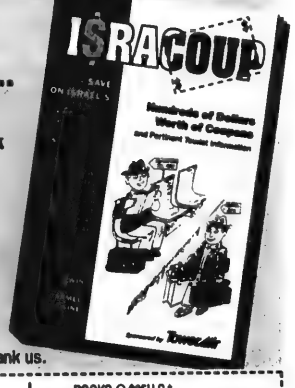

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Finnish legislators oppose shchitah

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

HELSINKI — Several Finnish legislators have voiced strong opposition to permitting the Jews of Finland to slaughter meat according to the laws of kashrut.

In a debate late last month, numerous members of Finland's parliament insisted that animals be stunned before the *shchitah* cut is made, a procedure that violates Jewish law.

After a lengthy parliamentary session dominated by those opposed to kosher slaughter, the issue was relegated to a committee. It is expected to come before the Finnish parliament again in August or September.

"To judge from the discussion, you'd think the Jews were barbarians and that it was a question of some kind of religious offering for the gods," said Dan Kantor, executive secretary of Helsinki's 1,100-strong Jewish community.

"They keep referring to it as 'ritual slaughter,' and that's something that hasn't happened in the Jewish religion for 2,000 years. We've told them many times that the term ritual slaughter gives a special meaning to the debate, but still they use it. That's a sign that something else is involved," Kantor added.

In a country with only two synagogues and an estimated 1,500 Jews out of a total population of about 5 million people, predominantly Lutheran, it is perhaps not surprising that the Jews of Finland feel misunderstood.

Kantor proudly shows visitors a display case containing a wreath that Finnish president C.G. Mannerheim gave the Jewish community in 1944 to honor Jewish soldiers who fought and died in the Finnish army, and he explains that Finnish wartime authorities resisted Nazi pressure to take action against the country's Jews.

However, when it comes to the issue of kosher slaughter, Kantor seems less willing to paint the Finns in a rosy light.

"You shouldn't use the word anti-Semitism too easily, because the Islamic community is also involved in this discussion, but it has to do with xenophobia or some kind of racism," he said.

Until now, Finnish Jews have imported their meat from North America: a recent shipment came from Levitt's Kosher Foods of Montreal.

Because Finland joined the European Union earlier this year, the community's next shipment of meat will probably come from somewhere in Europe.

The community does not have a *shoichet* and may not even get one in the unlikely event that the parliamentary vote is favorable, according to Kantor.

"It's not a question of the slaughter itself but a question of our religious rights and the fight against prejudice," he said. "It's going to be a very hard fight."

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl at a memorial in Jerusalem last week with former Knesset member Yosef Burg. [RNS Photo]

Kohl pledges stronger ties

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Following an historic and emotion-laced visit to Israel last week by German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Israel and Germany pledged to strengthen bilateral relations.

Immediately after a welcoming ceremony last Tuesday at the Wohl Rose Garden in Jerusalem, Kohl visited the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial.

"It is bad not to remember the past, but it is seven times worse if a lesson is not learned so that a better future can be built," he said.

Kohl later met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Both leaders promised to strengthen economic ties.

One highlight of the meeting was the signing of a multimillion dollar deal between the Volkswagen car manufacturer and Israel's Dead Sea Works.

The Israeli plant is to provide Volkswagen with magnesium for a lightweight, fuel-efficient car.

The two leaders also discussed Iran. Kohl spoke out against the proliferation of nuclear weapons, but did not answer questions about German ties with Tehran. Rabin also refused to comment on the matter.

Rabin and Kohl met with Jordan's King Hussein at the juncture of the Jordan and Yarmuk rivers, where the three leaders pledged their commitment to work together to develop regional water resources.

They reviewed plans for two dams and a desalination plant that would provide Jordan with an additional 215 million cubic metres of water every year.

The dam project, expected to cost $535 million, is being funded by the European Union. Germany has said it would pay at least 28 per cent and might increase its share of the financing.

Touvier sentence upheld

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

PARIS — Paul Touvier, the first and only Frenchman convicted for crimes against humanity, has lost his last appeal.

France's supreme court, the Cour de Cassation, upheld the life sentence imposed on Touvier on April 20, 1994.

Touvier, who was the head of the collaborationist French militia in Lyon during World War II, was involved in the execution of seven Jewish hostages in Rillieux-la-Pape on June 29, 1944.

He can ask for a pardon from French President Jacques Chirac but his chances are not good, according to observers here.

June 5:

• Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, King Hussein and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl met on a hilltop in the Jordan Valley area of Naharayim 8 kilometres south of the Sea of Galilee -- an area recently returned to Jordan but leased back to Israel -- to announce a joint development project in which water will be supplied to Jordan from the Yarmuk River and the Sea of Galilee.

• The Israel Defence Force (IDF) announced that its forces in Hebron had killed Hamad Yamor, a member of the Az Adin al-Kassem terror cell, who had been wanted in connection with the murder of six Israelis.

June 6:

• *Ha'aretz* reported that a 23-year-old student at Yeshivat Ateret Cohanim in Jerusalem had been stabbed in the shoulder as he was walking near the Shchem Gate of the Old City. The student was treated in hospital and released; the assailant was not apprehended.

June 7:

• Finance Minister Avraham Shohat announced that the municipalities of Holon, Bat Yam and Rishon LeZion have agreed to each bear 10 per cent of the cost of the improvement and extension of the Ayalon highway, the main north-south arterial road through the heart of the populous Tel Aviv area.

• The IDF conducted five air raids against Hezbollah strongholds in south Lebanon. The raids were in response to recent Hezbollah attacks.

June 8:

• A soldier of the South Lebanese Army was killed by a bomb planted by Hezbollah.

June 9:

• U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher met with Rabin and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo. The meeting was arranged by Christopher in the hope that a demonstrably good relationship between Egypt and Israel would assist peace talks between Syria and Israel. Mubarak said the meeting was "very positive. Our negotiations were in a very good atmosphere and I'm sure and I hope that we will continue on the same line till peace prevails all over."

• In response to reporters' questioning at the summit meeting in Cairo, the prime minister stated that a self-rule agreement between Israel and the Palestinians by the target date of July 1 may be difficult to reach.

Director, Jewish Museum of Western Canada

The Jewish Community of Winnipeg seeks the services of someone experienced in museum operations and interested in the challenge of establishing the new Jewish Museum of Western Canada. The Community is currently in the process of building an exciting new facility that will integrate schools, the Jewish Community Centre, and the new Museum on a single site in the fall of 1997. A director is required to work with the design committee and consultants in developing the museum, assembling the permanent collection and acquiring funding for acquisitions, planning related educational and cultural programming, and developing sources of revenue including membership structures, admissions, tours, and grants. The museum will include a temporary gallery and will house a Holocaust Resource Centre, as well as providing service to the general community. The successful candidate will develop marketing strategy, create a docent recruitment and training program, and prepare a business plan including staff, expenses, and revenue projections.

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Children become pawns in get battle

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

A handful of men fighting with their wives over the *get* [religious divorce], have added a new weapon to their arsenal.

They are contracting marriages for their underage daughters, making it necessary for them to receive a *get* when they wish to marry genuinely.

In order to extort money, custody privileges or other benefits from their wives, these husbands refuse to give the name of the bridegroom — thus making their daughters into *agunot*, unable to marry.

While there is no suggestion that the problem is widespread, there are reports of about 20 cases in New York and Montreal. One child is only six.

The Vaad Harabonim of Greater Toronto "denounced" this practice. It "censures those few individuals and rabbis who are engaged in such abhorrent and immoral behavior. The Torah's ways are paths of pleasantness and peace and we condemn those who cause a *chillul HaShem*, a desecration of G-d's name, through the misuse and abuse of its precepts."

The statement goes on to note that this practice, (called *kidushei ketana*), is permissible according to biblical law, so long as it is "for reasons *other than* (italics ours) extortion, the harrassment of estranged wives and the infliction of mental anguish upon minors."

Nevertheless, the Talmud in *Kiddushin* 41a, states "it is forbidden for a father to betroth his daughter while she is a minor, until she matures and says 'I want to marry so-and-so.' " This, the Vaad says, is the halachically normative position as codified by Maimonides and in the Shulchan Aruch.

U.S. Orthodox rabbis, including Rabbi Gedalia Schwartz, head of the Beth Din of America, affiliated with the Rabbinical Council of America, Rabbi David Bleich, dean and professor of law at Yeshiva University, and COLPA, the National Jewish Commission on Law and Public Affairs, are searching for legal and halachic remedies to this situation.

Among options being looked at are finding ways to invalidate the father's actions, or the acceptability of the witnesses; instituting communal sanctions against all those involved (including the witnesses and the rabbis who drew up the marriage agreement); and action by the New York legislature.

People interviewed by *The Jewish Week*, in their June 2 issue, say that they are afraid that this tactic will spread, partly because of what they consider an inadequate response by the rabbinate, which is in any case fragmented politically, and partly because recent publicity, including in *The New York Times*, have reminded recalcitrant husbands that the *kedushei ketana*, once performed as a method of protecting young girls, is in fact still allowed under biblical law.

The *Jewish Week* says that one group behind it, calling itself *Shalom Bayis*, has put up posters around Flatbush, which has a large Orthodox community. Besides urging men to stamp out what they call the "mini-Holocaust" of Jewish divorce by witholding *gittin* for at least five years, the posters and a phone message from *Shalom Bayis* outline and promote the procedures for *kedushei ketana*.

An unnamed spokesman for the group is quoted in the June 15 issue of *The Jerusalem Report* as saying "proudly" that in two recent cases, wives were terrified out of asking for a divorce because their husbands threatened to betroth their daughters.

With files from JTA.

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Russia	600,000	Bulgaria	4,000
Ukraine	446,000	Estonia	3,000
Canada	360,000	Ethiopia	3,000
Britain	300,000	Serbia and Montenegro	2,500
Argentina	250,000	Costa Rica	2,500
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Australia	100,000	Croatia	2,000
Brazil	100,000	Hong Kong	2,000
Hungary	80,000	Turkmenistan	2,000
Germany	60,000	Puerto Rico	2,000
Uzbekistan	45,000	Ireland	1,800
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Mexico	40,000	Ecuador	1,000
Belgium	35,000	Japan	1,000
Belarus	34,000	Norway	1,000
Italy	31,000	Zimbabwe	975
Uruguay	30,000	Paraguay	900
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Turkish Jewish leader injured by car bomb

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ANKARA — The head of the Turkish capital's small Jewish community was injured last Wednesday when a bomb exploded under his car.

Yehuda Yarum was on his way to Hacettepe University, where he heads the chemistry department, when the car bomb threw him through the windshield.

The explosion left a deep hole in the street and blew out windows in the area. Yarum was reported in stable condition in hospital.

A previously unheard of Islamic fundamentalist group, the Turkey Idealist Sharia Commandos' Army, claimed responsibility for the bombing, according to a Turkish news agency. As of last week, no arrests had been made.

Yarum's wife told Israel TV her husband received threatening pamphlets about a year ago, believed to have been sent by an Islamic fundamentalist movement.

The pamphlets read: "Dirty Jews, we don't want you to live here," Perla Yarum said.

There are just 200 Jews in Ankara. Most of Turkey's 23,000 Jews live in Istanbul.

Since 1986, when a terrorist bomb killed 21 congregants in the Neve Shalom synagogue in Istanbul, there have been a number of attacks on Jews and Israelis.

An Israeli official who contacted Ankara said people there were "terrorized" by the attack.

Turkish Jewish leaders, however, were quick to downplay the community's fears.

"We're quite upset about it, but such things happen all over the world. There is no sense of panic whatsoever," Hanri Yashova, vice-president of the Turkish Jewish community, said in a telephone interview.

The attack on Yarum comes after he requested, and received, increased police protection after the threats made by Islamic fundamentalists. He later withdrew the request.

The attack also comes in the wake of an appeal from a Turkish prosecutor, who has requested the death penalty for those convicted of a 1993 attempt to kill Jak Kamhi, a prominent Turkish Jewish businessman.

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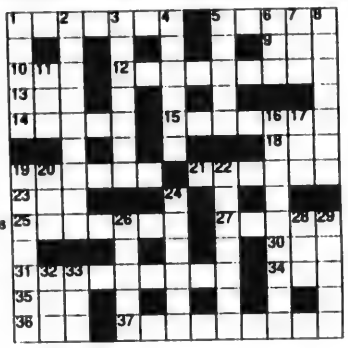

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5 Many Roman ruins there
9 Prefix meaning egg
10 Rascal
12 Often the humor of accountants take on a - slant
13 Hurrah
14 Monstars
15 When Phorcys and his sister, Ceto, mated, she gave birth to these
18 Nook
19 Thin Arab bread
21 Doze
23 Before
25 Horses are put out to this
27 Much money made when this happens to a TV program in USA
30 Social Security Administration of US
31 Capital of Scotland
34 Noah's second son
35 Japanese coin
36 Beast of burden
37 Professor Sukenik carried the three Dead Sea scrolls he bought on partition day hidden under this

DOWN
1 Israel bombed this city when it flew planes from USA to Israel in 1948
2 Abraham's birthplace was between the Tigris and this river
3 Many Jews came from here to France in the 1960's
4 Obeisance
5 Wrath
6 Fabled bird
7 Grape
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19 Savory has this flavour
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Orthodox oppose commercials on Shabbat and holy days

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Israel's Orthodox community has launched a campaign against companies which run commercials on television and radio on Shabbat and other holy days.

Several major companies have already announced their compliance with the restrictions on commercials demanded by the ultra-Orthodox community, which constitutes some 20 per cent of Israeli society.

The boycott campaign was launched June 2 by the daily newspaper *Yated Ne'eman* in Bnei Brak.

The paper published a list of companies, most of them food and clothing manufacturers, whose commercials air on Saturday and other Jewish holy days.

Past consumer boycotts by the Orthodox community have proven effective.

One particular campaign against billboards that bore what were considered lascivious advertisements succeeded. Many leading companies changed their ads to comply with Orthodox standards.

The director-general of *Yated Ne'eman*, Ya'akov Lavin, said the goal of the latest campaign is to get Israel Television's Channel 2, as well as regional radio stations, to follow Israel Radio's example and not broadcast commercials on holy days.

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

London Hotel Fit For Royalty: Situated a short walk from Buckingham Palace in the posh neighborhood of Mayfair, London's deluxe Dorchester Hotel has had a long and distinguished association with the British royal family and many celebrity guests.

The pride of Park Lane since its opening in 1931, the Dorchester had been conceived as an advanced luxury hotel that would rank as the finest in Europe. One of its original decorators, Oliver Ford, had also been interior decorator for Queen Elizabeth and the Queen Mother.

The Dorchester's rooms supposedly reflect the refined style of a deluxe English country house. Many of its 197 rooms and 55 suites feature four-poster beds, fireplaces, fine wooden cabinetry and furniture, plush rugs and armchairs, embroidered bedspreads and draperies, and large walk-in closets designed for steamer trunks.

All the bathrooms are done entirely in fine white Italian marble. Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger has said that the Dorchester is the only hotel in Europe that possesses a bathtub large enough for him to relax in with his legs fully outstretched.

Also known for its generous dimensions, the mirrored ballroom has seen many celebrity functions. In the 1960s, the Toronto-based Lord Thomson of Fleet hosted an 85th birthday party for the Canadian-born Lord Beaverbrook, and filled the room with a forest of fir trees and an honour guard of Mounties.

With a staff-to-guest ratio of about three to one, the hotel's reputation for superb service and five-star cuisine has attracted many famous entertainers such as Barbra Streisand, the Beatles, Michael Jackson and Elizabeth Taylor. The list includes everyone from Mohammed Ali to Shelley Winters, Gloria Swanson to Cher.

All that's needed for a Dorchester experience is money. The cost for two people for an all-inclusive, two-night "romantic weekend" package, is about $1,276. The Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1A 2HJ. Telephone 071-629-8888. Fax 071-495-7351.

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Israel Tourism Projections: Israel's steadily increasing tourist arrivals indicate that 4.3 million annual visitors — double the present number — will arrive by 2006, according to the Israel Ministry of Tourism. As a result, the ministry has commissioned eight teams of tourism development specialists to study the country's tourism infrastructure and to suggest improvements.

Priority areas of development are Jerusalem, Nazareth, Kfar Cana, Eilat, Tiberias and the Sea of Galilee region, Ashkelon, Ashdod, Caeserea, Rosh Hanikra and Israel's forests.

According to a ministry report, an initial investment of $11 million (US) is required to begin a program of upgrading of existing facilities and attractions. The program would eventually see the addition of some 50,000 hotel rooms in all classes nationwide.

Last month, Israeli tourism officials celebrated the opening of Teddy Hall, a new wing of the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Jerusalem. At 26,000 square feet, the $40-million (US), column-free hall is the largest in the Middle East. Named in honor of the former mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, the octagon-shaped hall is built from Jerusalem stone.

"Teddy Hall kicks off a new generation of convention halls in Israel and the Middle East," says Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto. "With the capacity to host up to 2,000 people, Teddy Hall puts ICC Jerusalem on the map as one of the world's foremost convention facilities."

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Arizona Directory: The 24-page *Arizona Accommodations Directory* lists all types of accommodation from rustic mountain lodges to historic bed and breakfast inns. For your free copy, contact the Arizona Office of Tourism by calling toll-free, 800-842-8257. A travel guide, state map and calendar of events are also available free of charge.

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Shopping in Singapore: Canadians visiting Singapore in 1995 may attain savings by using the Singapore Plus '95 card. Issued by the Singapore Tourist Promotion Board, the card and an accompanying discount booklet allow discounts on shopping, food, entertainment and attractions. To receive your complimentary card, phone 416-363-8898.

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In Brief: New York's newly-decorated Hotel Inter-Continental offers a summer savings program through Sept. 5. Call toll-free, 800-327-0200.

People & The Planet is a full-color quarterly magazine produced in Britain in association with the UN Population Fund and other non-profit agencies. Each issue is devoted to a particular concern such as the ecology of lakes, social change and feeding the planet. Write c/o IPPF Distribution Unit, Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, London NW1 4NS England.

PARTY CORRECTIONS

As the saying goes, it ain't a party until something's broke. In that spirit there are three things that need to be fixed from *When? That A Party!* the party planner published in the June 1 issue of *The CJN*. First, entertainer Shelley Miller (481-1034) should have been listed under Bands; second the correct phone number for Evelyn Baker Floral Design is 469-1089 and third Jacob's Catering Ltd. (886-3832/ 886-3810) was accidently left out of the Kosher Caterers listings.

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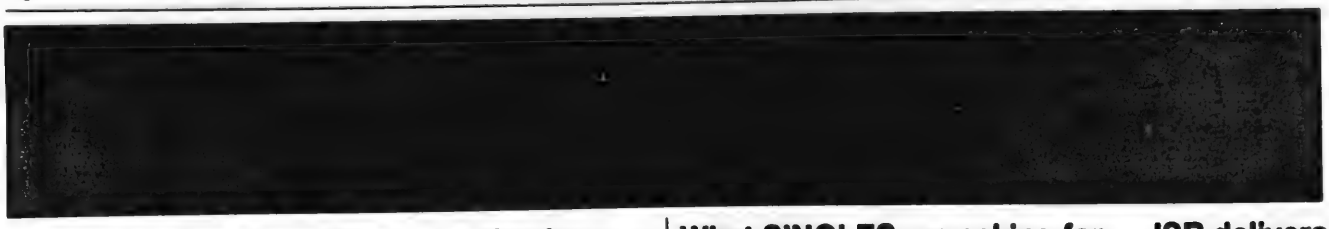

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Q: What makes The Registry so unique?

A: For one thing, our concept is simple, fast, and fun. The Registry takes a dynamic proactive approach to dating. Our unique selection process puts our members in control of who they would like to go out with, by reviewing comprehensive and detailed biography profiles of each of our members along with a photograph attached to each file. Our members have the options of choosing for themselves who they would like to go out with, accepting a date when they are chosen, or a combination of both.

Q: How much information is on the biography/profile?

A: The biographies are quite extensive. The format consists of a two page questionnaire with members being asked to include specific information about themselves as well as what they are looking for in a potential partner. Their hobbies, interests, and community involvement are just a few of the many questions asked. The photograph attached to each file enhances what has been read, giving the reader a very detailed overview of the person.

Q: With all that information, how do you respect confidentiality?

A: In a service like the Registry confidentiality takes first priority. Each file contains the members first name and a designated code number. No last name, address or phone number is ever shown, and a members first name and phone number are only disclosed when both parties have agreed.

Q: How large is your membership?

A: We are fast approaching the 800 member mark in Toronto alone, and have an additional 150 files from our Montreal and Ottawa offices. What makes this number so special is that we are only **two and a half years old.** Word of mouth advertising and a high "success rate" have generated a record number of new members joining our service.

Q: How do you define "success rate"?

A: In today's society it has become increasingly difficult for Jewish singles to meet one another. The J.S.R. has been designed and implemented to alleviate this problem and has done so with phenomenal results. Our system has become one of the fastest,and easiest ways for Jewish singles to meet. Members control how active they want their files to be. With new members joining on a daily basis there are always new files to review. We give out on average about 60 phone numbers a week, and have a countless number of weddings and engagements to our credit with three more to be announced shortly.

Q: Are there any guarantees when you join the J.S.R.?

A: Yes there are. If a member pays for a service they should get results, and that is what we guarantee. A member is guaranteed a **minimum** of six dates throughout the first year's membership; any less and the member stays in the service for free*. However most of our members average between 12-24 dates in a given year. Again it is the member that decides how active or inactive their file will be.

Q: How does the future look for the J.S.R.?

A: Very exciting... There are a lot of things happening behind the scenes that will only be made public within the next few months. **Keep reading the Canadian Jewish News for more details.** J.S.R. has worked hard to get to where we are today. With intermarriage still on the rise J.S.R. accepts the challenge of being Toronto's number one dating service and will continue to play a large role in the Jewish community.

Q: How does one contact the J.S.R.?

A: It's relatively simple. We are open six days a week, including evening hours. If for any reason you cannot reach us in person, just leave us a message and we will return your call at your convenience. Our phone number is **416-398-7068.**

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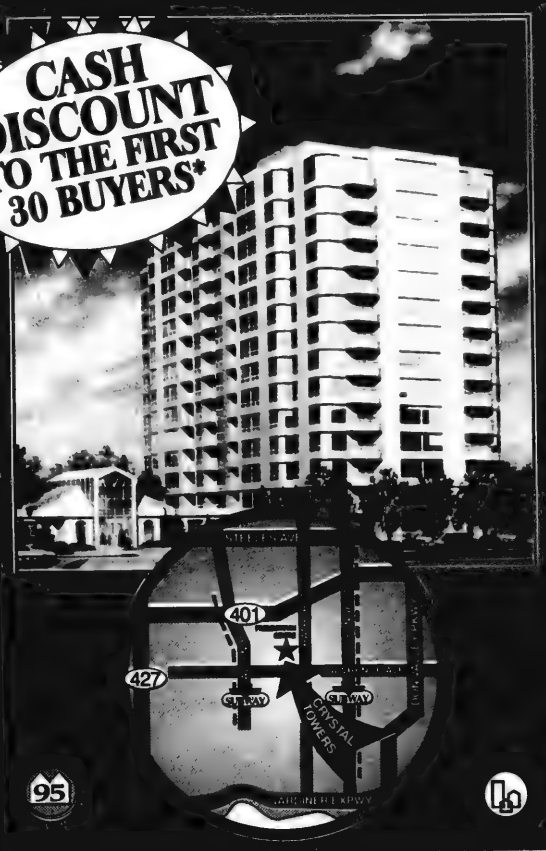

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The publication of recipients is to bring attention to their needs and to encourage other organizations to follow our lead. Moreover, we bring to the attention of the Public, both Jewish and non-Jewish, our desire to help in a time of need.

Our ad of May 25, 1995 in The Canadian Jewish News has resulted in many calls to us, asking for financial assistance. They will not be ignored.

We do not seek "reflected glory and direct gain." If we have a motive, it is to further serve our Community. No one in our organization, except our staff is paid. Our Board is composed of volunteers who go about their task with dedication and without personal gain.

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A COMMUNITY HALACHIC CHAPEL

Steeles Memorial Chapel: The good work continues

Steeles Memorial Chapel was founded in 1927, to provide the Jewish community with dignified funerals at reasonable cost. The earliest locations were first on Bathurst St., then on College St. when people moved north, so did College Memorial, changing its name to Steeles.

During the 68 years since its founding, Steeles Memorial has broadened its mandate to include ongoing support of many charities and institutions. Although financially self-supporting, Steeles Memorial Chapel does not keep its profits; once expenses are accounted for, every cent goes to charity. The Board of Trustees are volunteers and all are members of Jewish organizations.

Among the Jewish organizations to which Steeles donates are ORT, Reena, the Ronald Feld Fund for Syrian Jewry, the Jewish Russian Community Centre, the Jewish Public Library, Yad Vashem, Chabad Lubavitch of Ontario, Israel Cancer Research Fund, and many schools, yeshivot, camps and synagogues.

Besides organizations, Steeles offers help to needy families and individuals on an informal basis.

Steeles Memorial Charitable Fund has inaugurated a new outreachprogram. It discreetly contacts rabbis of all denominations, and quietly asks them who is in need. As John H. Pollock, Q.C., Legal Counsel states "we will help wherever we can. No one in the community should go without necessities."

The Board is also exploring interest in an airport chapel. Recently, Steeles Memorial Chapel's Chief Executive Officer, Kenny Bodenstein has personally undertaken and is overseeing the construction of a chapel at Branson Hospital.

Steeles Memorial sees itself as part of Canadian society at large, donating to non-Jewish charities such as the Salvation Army, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the AIDS Committee of Toronto, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Diabetes Society, and a number of other medical research foundations. Moreover, Steeles donates to The Toronto Hospital, the Hospital for Sick Children and many other Toronto area hospitals.

It is Steeles' policy that if a Jewish child under 18 dies, the funeral is without charge. "At such a time" says Treasurer, Henry Lederman, "there is more than enough grief and trauma for the family to deal with." No other North American Jewish funeral chapel has this policy.

Steeles is sensitive to the needs of the living. One new project is a bereavement committee to counsel people through grief and mourning, to make it easier for them to reclaim their lives. Also, if there is a need, Steeles will send someone to a shiva house to lead prayers.

In sum, Steeles Memorial is involved in every aspect of Jewish life, and has an innovative approach to Tzedekah. While resources are not bottomless, no worthy cause goes unconsidered; new ideas are constantly being looked at. "Where we're needed, and to the extent we can, we'll help" says President, Mike Rogow.

Every funeral at Steeles Memorial is also helping a large number and variety of worthy causes. The deceased are memorialized by the giving of Tzedakah. The direct recipients are those organizations which improve the quality of life for the poor, the sick, children and the aged. This must be why, as Bodenstein states, "Steeles has gained greater acceptance over the past decade."

Steeles Memorial believes in offering options and flexibility to the bereaved, and paying attention to their wishes. Often, cost is tailored to ability to pay. Full service is available, in which Steeles handles every detail that must be dealt with; alternatively, more modest, more affordable arrangements are available. Steeles recognizes, as well, that some people cannot afford to pay at all.

Whatever the choice, one thing is *not* flexible: all funerals are in strict accord with halachah.

The president of Steeles Memorial is Mike Rogow; the Chief Executive Officer is Kenny Bodenstein; 1st V.P. Nat Green; 2nd V.P. Marvin Lister; Treasurer, Henry Lederman; Secretary, Morris Grafstein; Executive Members are Wilf Kideckel and Ernie Marmurek; Legal Counsel is John H. Pollock, Q.C. Steeles Memorial Chapel is at 350 Steeles Ave. West, in Thornhill. For information please call (905) 881-6003 or (416) 733-2000.

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The cuisine of the future: To taste it is to love it.

Seafood Warehouse International Corp. paves the way into the next century!

Increasing knowledge of how to link good diet with overall good health is motivating people to become better informed about the nutrition content of their food – and to change their eating habits. Gradually, more and more people are abandoning high-cholesterol, high-calorie, high-fat foodstuffs, in favor of good-tasting vegetable- or fish-based meat substitutes with maximum nutrition value.

Increasingly, the food industry is responding to this trend, supplying new varieties of vegetarian or seafood cuisine – and combining quality with taste. Gone are the days when anyone could call vegetarian foods "bland". Great progress has been made, both in developing tasty meat substitutes and making food processing more healthful; and the variety and quality of seafood products on the market has increased as well.

Seafood Warehouse is in the forefront of this trend, supplying its customers with what chief executive officer Henry Ender calls "the cuisine of the future".

Among the special products offered by Seafood Warehouse are the Golden Harbour line of smoked salmon. These award winning British Columbia products, available in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia, are rapidly becoming known for quality and uniqueness.

Golden Harbour products are 100 per cent natural, cured in natural salts and smoked by a special process with a blend of sawdusts from British Columbia forests. Using both old and new methods, they are cured to the highest standards of quality control, then carefully vacuum-sealed, frozen and boxed to preserve this quality.

A versatile product, Golden Harbour smoked salmon is always ready to serve – as hors d'oeuvres, on bagels with cream cheese, or however your palate desires. It can also be served as an entree, or in omelettes, quiches or casseroles.

There are many varieties of Golden Harbor smoked salmon: red sockeye, with bright red flesh, strong flavor and firm texture; red Pacific coho, with red flesh, mild flavor and firm texture; Atlantic, with orange flesh, mild flavor and soft texture; Gravlox, marinated salmon in slices with dill; pink, with pink flesh, mild flavor and soft texture, Norwegian or Scottish style; specialty items like salmon pate, Indian candy, hot and cold smoked chunks; and retort packs of hot smoked salmon.

Golden Harbour also offers ground fish, including sole, cod, snapper, perch and turbot; fillets and fillet portions of sockeye, coho and pink salmon, and halibut; frozen sockeye, coho and pink salmon; sockeye, coho, chum, spring salmon, halibut, tuna, swordfish, shark and mahimahi steaks; salmon and halibut tail roasts; and imitation crab, or sirimi.

Seafood Warehouse is also the exclusive Canadian importer of the Sea Chef line of delicacies from Kibbutz Eilon, Israel. These include fish cutlets with selected vegetables, breaded fish fillets and schnitzels, and gourmet substitutes for crab, shrimp, calamari and scallops made from Atlantic pollock. These products are rich in protein and other nutrients, and low in fat and cholesterol; all are strictly kosher under the supervision of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel.

Seafood Warehouse is also a distributor of Zoglo's Vegetarian Choice products from Israel. These are all-natural, 100 per cent vegetable protein products, with no cholesterol, no additives, preservatives or artificial coloring, and very low saturated fat content. They combine the natural goodness of vegetarian proteins with the juicy richness of traditional meat dishes, offering a true taste treat.

Among the delicacies Zoglo's offers are tender vegetable burgers, golden "taste like chicken" nuggets, vegetarian wieners, vegetable patties and cutlets, and kebabs. These products can be eaten in the style of the meat dishes which they replace; the burgers, for example, can be barbecued. Zoglo's products are kosher parve.

The Seafood Warehouse prides itself on its small, well-structured management team, which allows it to make quick decisions while maintaining close contact with clients. The company's mission is to improve clients' profitability, while providing customers with the highest quality products at the lowest possible price.

CEO Henry Ender has experience in the seafood industry, extensive market knowledge, a flair for innovation, and a personalized approach in dealing with customers. Fred Farnden, President and Chairman of the Board, has administrative skill and extensive knowledge of the seafood industry. Together, they have led Seafood Warehouse to rapid growth during its 18 years, and made it a leader among those who bring their customers the "cuisine of the future".

The Seafood Warehouse, open seven days a week to supply stores, delis, caterers and the public, is at 161 Denison St., in Markham; phone (905) 470-1700 or fax (905) 470-8255.

New beginnings at Lawrence and Bathurst Crystal Towers soon to open

Menkes Developments Inc. has been active in the development industry for 40 years, since 1955. They began with houses, and have been building condos in the Greater Toronto area since 1969, when this form of ownership began to play a role in Toronto's real-estate market. Some people who once lived in Menkes houses now own condominiums built by Menkes.

The company's major areas of business today are residential condominium communities, and commercial and industrial office buildings; they put up a new condominium development every year. Menkes is an integrated service company which buys land, develops it, markets, sells and manages the development; it also does third-party management. In everything from workmanship to knowledge of the market, each area of business profits from experience gained in the others.

Characteristic of all their developments is a commitment to quality, value, innovation and integrity. "Crystal Towers, however, is something special," says Mark Cohen, vice-president of residential marketing. "This is Bathurst Street, and Bathurst Street is Menkes turf."

Crystal Towers, Menkes' new highrise condominium buildings, will be built at 2 Covington Road, at the northwest corner of Covington and Bathurst, just north of Lawrence Plaza. "The development will complement and enhance the neighborhood and its strong historical roots and community," says Cohen, "and represents in our minds what the neighborhood has waited for, for a long time."

Crystal Towers will contain 290 suites in total, with 135 in the first building. Each building will have its own lobby, although access to each from the outside will be through a central lobby. This layout will add a hotel-like ambience to the address, and at the same time make a strong statement about security.

The lobby will be manned 24 hours a day. State-of-the-art security features will ensure constant surveillance of underground and outside areas, common inside areas, and suite floors. Today's condominium owners don't just ask for top quality security features: they demand them.

Crystal Towers will satisfy these concerns. They are important not only when you are home, but also when you are away on vacation or business, and can feel secure and "care-free" in the knowledge that your home is protected.

Both the water and the apartment are gas-heated. Each apartment is metered individually, so that you pay only for what you use, and reap the benefits of household economy. This is an important advantage if you take

long trips out of town, and turn your heat down for long periods of time.

It is expected that many buyers will be "empty nesters", 55 to 70 years of age, who are new to full-time condominium living. Many of this group will be coming from 40- to 50-year-old homes in the Bathurst-Lawrence area valued from $250,000 up. Menkes expects to offer two-bedroom condos in the $150,000-to-$250,000 range, allowing buyers to bank significant sums of money once their house is sold.

A cross-section of buyers is expected, however. Crystal Towers will be ideal for young marrieds with an infant, for example, or professional couples where both spouses are focusing on their careers.

Crystal Towers will offer its residents many social and recreational amenities. Facilities will include an outdoor swimming pool, indoor whirlpool, exercise room and party room. Common social areas will allow residents and their guests to meet and socialize within Crystal Towers. Also, there is a guest suite within the building.

Although standard finishes will be quite elaborate, buyers can upgrade their units. As in all Menkes communities, the exterior will be landscaped and manicured immaculately.

Crystal Towers will complement the positive changes the Bathurst-Lawrence neighborhood is already beginning to see. Lawrence Plaza is being renovated, and many of the businesses on Bathurst St. and Avenue Rd. are being upgraded; but many long-established businesses, restaurants, kosher stores, etc., have remained and will remain. Many residents love this area, and will not leave it.

This is a neighborhood with easy access to the 401 and both subway lines. It is pleasant area, with many well-cared-for older homes and plenty of shade trees. Menkes looks forward to making its own contribution to this area, which is enjoying an infusion of new life and energy, while keeping its continuity.

The Menkes name is known along Bathurst between Centre St. and Finch Ave., to about 4,500 people living in Menkes condominiums, who can vouch for the commitment to quality, innovation, integrity and value. This is a company that listens closely to buyers, from the acquisition of property through to management afterwards, and knows what the market wants.

A new sales office is being completed on location, with a model suite attached. Pre-construction sales are expected to start in early summer. If you want to come to see Crystal Towers, call the Presentation Centre for information at (416) 781-0222.

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LifeStyle

Reena Foundation: Another step forward

The Reena Foundation's Gala Dinner is one of the community's most successful, most anticipated social events. It allows Reena to illustrate the important work it does for people with developmental handicaps – show the expansion of this work – and thank the many supporters who make it possible.

Reena was founded in 1973 by parents of developmentally handicapped children, as an alternative to institutions. In those days, because these children were considered "mentally incompetent", there was nowhere else for them to go as adults. Reena has played a major role in improving the quality of their lives.

Reena has evolved into three related organizations. REENA provides support services to clients and families, including a day program which teaches life skills, offers training for the workplace, and finds jobs. BATAY REENA develops and operates non-profit housing without provincial assistance, with staffing tailored to the type of handicap and the number of people. REENA FOUNDATION raises private funds to maintain services.

Cutbacks by the Ontario government means more reliance on private sources; and the waiting list of several hundred people grows faster than needs can be met.

This year's Gala dinner takes place on Wednesday, June 21st, at the Regal Constellation Hotel, 900 Dixon Rd. in Etobicoke. All funds raised through this Dinner go towards the soon-to-be-built Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre on Clark Ave.

The first of its kind in North America, the 45,000-foot-square centre will show how people with special needs can be productive members of society. It will provide a warm, stimulating environment for hundreds of developmentally handicapped adults, offer the services they need to lead full, healthy lives in the community, and provide relief support for those who care for family members at home.

Tom Ungar is chairman of the 1995 Gala Dinner Committee, and Capital Campaign chairman for the Toby and Henry Battle Centre. Bert Raphael heads the Dinner fundraising committee. Ken Shaw, news anchor for CFTO Night Beat News will be master of ceremonies.

Always wanted to be photographed with Marilyn Monroe, watch Bette Midler and Tina Turner perform? Now's your chance! Be at the Regal Constellation on June 21, and enjoy this virtual reality experience. For your added enjoyment, there will be dancing to the Joe Star Band.

For more information or reservations, please call the Reena office at 787-0131.

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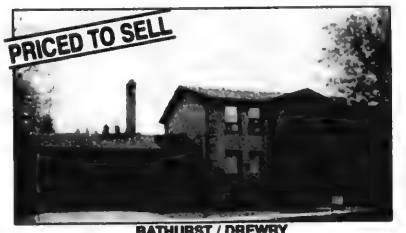

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Vitebski, Shlomo on June 2, 1995

Chajutin, Roza on June 4, 1995, late of Cheltenham Nursing Home

Rattenbach, Sara on June 2, 1995

Moriene, Rebecca on June 2, 1995, late of 39 Thornbury Circle

Verber, Shirley on June 5, 1995

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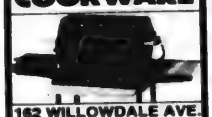

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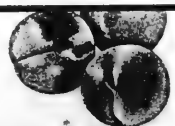

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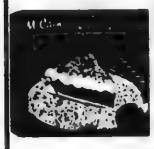

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JERUSALEM 3000:
The Greatest Event of the Trimillenium!

Excitement is generating around Toronto as the evening of Sunday June 18th rapidly approaches. On this momentous night, the entire Toronto Jewish community is invited to experience the sights and sounds of Jerusalem, as **"Aish HaTorah Celebrates Jerusalem 3000"** takes centre stage at the Royal Alexandra Theatre. **Ed Mirvish,** Honourary Co-Chair of Aish's 1995 Annual Fundraising Event, has gone "Crazy for Aish", cancelling the June 18th performance of "Crazy for You" to host an equally spectacular production.

Jerusalem 3000 is an international extravaganza being held throughout 1995 and 1996, commemorating the trimillenium of King David's establishment of Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish People. It will be celebrated in spectacular fashion by myriad events, organizations and individuals, all orchestrated by the State of Israel.

Working together with the National Committee for Jerusalem 3000 and the Jerusalem Mayor's Office, Aish HaTorah, whose World Center stands in the very heart of Jerusalem at the Western Wall, is proud to host this first gala Canadian celebration that will help to set the stage for a year of joyous international festivities.

Co-chaired by showman extraordinaire Mirvish and **Leslie Dan,** chairman of pharmaceutical giant Novopharm, the evening will be enhanced by distinguished performers and dignitaries who symbolize the splendour of Israel and the Jewish people in unique ways. **Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert** is flying in from Israel to be keynote speaker. Master of ceremonies is **Malcolm Hoenlein,** of the National Committee for Jerusalem 3000, and Vice-Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. Famed Israeli entertainer **Yoel Sharabi,** who has captivated audiences worldwide, will be giving a special performance commissioned exclusively for this historic celebration.

An Honourary Tribute Committee has been assembled that includes **The Honourable Henry N.R. Jackman, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario; The Honourable Barbara McDougall; Mayors Mel Lastman and Lorna Jackson; The Honourable Arthur Eggleton; Norman Jewison; and Al Waxman.**

Aish HaTorah's Jerusalem 3000 Event will provide the community with the opportunity to pay tribute to and express unity with, the people of Israel.

An elegant evening filled with song, dance, laughter and delight awaits you at the Royal Alex on Sunday June 18th. Please join us in commemorating this milestone in Jewish history. Some last minute tickets are still available. To reserve your spot, please call **TicketKing at (416) 593-4225.** ■

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Jerusalem - The Ideal Capital

How The City of David Will Strengthen National Unity

Jerusalem, 2756 — The moment King David's soldiers set foot inside the citadel of Jerusalem and were able to look around the commanding site it occupied, it became clear that the conception to make this city the capital of the Kingdom of Israel was an inspired one.

What was not so sure was what the reaction of the people would be, particularly the tribesmen of Benjamin and Judah, whose territories border Israel's new metropolis on north and south, respectively. The land around the capital is rocky and difficult to work. It would take time, too, before a living could be made in the capital itself. Jerusalem is a place for craftsmen, traders, shopkeepers and merchants - not farmers and herdsmen, as most of the Benjaminites and Judaites are.

Fears Vanish

In the few weeks that have elapsed since the capture of Jerusalem, these fears have been laid to rest. From the very start the tribesmen were enthusiastic about living in Jerusalem, which they immediately began to call the City of David.

Moreover, the King lost no time in launching a vast building programme under his personal supervision. Historic changes are taking place under our very eyes. There seems no doubt that the capital of Jerusalem will endure for many generations. All signs point to the fact that Israel has come to this place to stay.

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What Is The Jerusalem Times?

Welcome to "The Jerusalem Times", a publication of Aish HaTorah (see p.27 for information about Aish). This special issue is in tribute to Jerusalem 3000, and to the Celebration taking place this Sunday at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in downtown Toronto.

Inside you'll find a wide variety of "contemporary" articles - some contemporary to King David's time, others contemporary to our own! We've included a little history about how The City of David was established (see cover story and p. 4), a walking tour through Old Jerusalem (see p. 10), and excerpts from books on Jerusalem by architect Moshe Safdie (p. 16) and Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan (p. 12). International developer David Azrieli has included an article discussing Jerusalem as a thriving business centre (p. 7). There's fun (see the King David Quiz by Allan Gould on p. 19) and even food (see the review of Jerusalem's "first" restaurant on p. 20)!

We hope you enjoy reading this special keepsake, and gain some insight into this golden city, the magical capital of the Jewish People. ■

KING DAVID UNITES JERUSALEM

by Rabbi Avraham LeBowitz
Public Affairs Reporter

Jerusalem 2756 - Crowds rejoiced in the streets this morning as King David announced he and his soldiers had conquered the fortified Jebusite stronghold and united Jerusalem. King David commended Yo'av for being a great general in the battle. When the forces were advancing on the Citadel, King David challenged that whoever would smite the Jebusites first would become chief and captain. Yo'av accepted the challenge and went up first.

Today's events in Jerusalem are the crowning glory to King David's spectacular career, which began with his slaying of the giant Goliath.

The seventh son of Yeshai, who is descended from Judah, the son of Jacob, King David has seven wives and six sons. Despite

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Historic Associations

Our ties with Jerusalem date back to our ancestor Abraham, in whose days the city bore the name of Salem. Significantly, the King of Salem, one of Malkizedek, was known as "high priest to the Supreme G-d." He was an ally of Abraham, to whom he lent both moral and material support when our early ancestor journeyed to this country, nearly 1,000 years ago.

When the tribes of Israel returned from Egypt some centuries later, they found Jerusalem in the hands of the Jebusites, a primitive, idol-worshipping people. But the conquest of this mountain stronghold was too formidable a task to be attempted by the Israel of Joshua's day.

During the early days of the monarchy in Israel, it became increasingly obvious, however, that Jerusalem could not remain the sole foreign city in Israel - situated, as it is, in the very heart of the state.

A Wise Choice

When King David was looking about for a suitable site for the capital of the unified tribes of Israel, it occurred to him that, while the city ought to be in neutral territory to avoid arousing tribal jealousies, he might as well take a city as near as possible to Benjamin, which, through his own election to the throne, had been deprived of the seat of the monarchy (after Israel's first regent, Saul, had come from its ranks). Jerusalem - lying on the boundary between Benjamin and David's native Judah - was the ideal, from this point of view.

King David's choice of Jerusalem was a wise one from a number of other standpoints as well:

(1) Jerusalem is a highly important road junction. The caravans to and from Egypt, and to and from Jericho and Transjordan, pass through the city. Following the conquest of Canaan by Joshua, there was a certain falling off in foreign trade. But with the stabilization of the Israelite regime, trade gradually came back to normal.

Now that a treaty has been signed with Hiram of Tyre, and David's military victories are daily opening new opportunities for intercourse with the surrounding peoples, there is no doubt that Jerusalem will become increasingly important as a commercial centre.

(2) Jerusalem is a first-rate defensive bastion. Built among mountain peaks, it is surrounded on all sides by valleys, of which those on the north are less pronounced than those on the other three sides. There is an abundance of stone and rock in the vicinity. These are of great value in the building of fortifications. The stone is of a lovely rose hue, and one can imagine the beautiful palaces that can be constructed of it when the country rests from war and we can enjoy the blessings of peace.

(3) Jerusalem is centrally located. When the country settles down, there will be a temptation for the various tribes to devote themselves to the cultivation of their fields and to forget that they are one people with their brethren in other parts of the country. This happened during those rare periods of quiet we enjoyed in the time of the Judges. It is hoped that now that the Tent of the Sanctuary as well as the Royal Palace are located in Jerusalem, this city will act as a force knitting the people together into one strong nation.

(4) Jerusalem is distinguished by an excellent mountain climate. The air is rare and clear, making it possible to see long distances (which has both aesthetic and military advantages).

These are the physical advantages of Jerusalem. But one lesson we ought to learn from the fate of the Jebusites who formerly inhabited the city: No capital is impregnable, and no matter how much we fortify the city, it will always be in danger unless we realize that, ultimately, it is G-d who determines the real security of strongholds.

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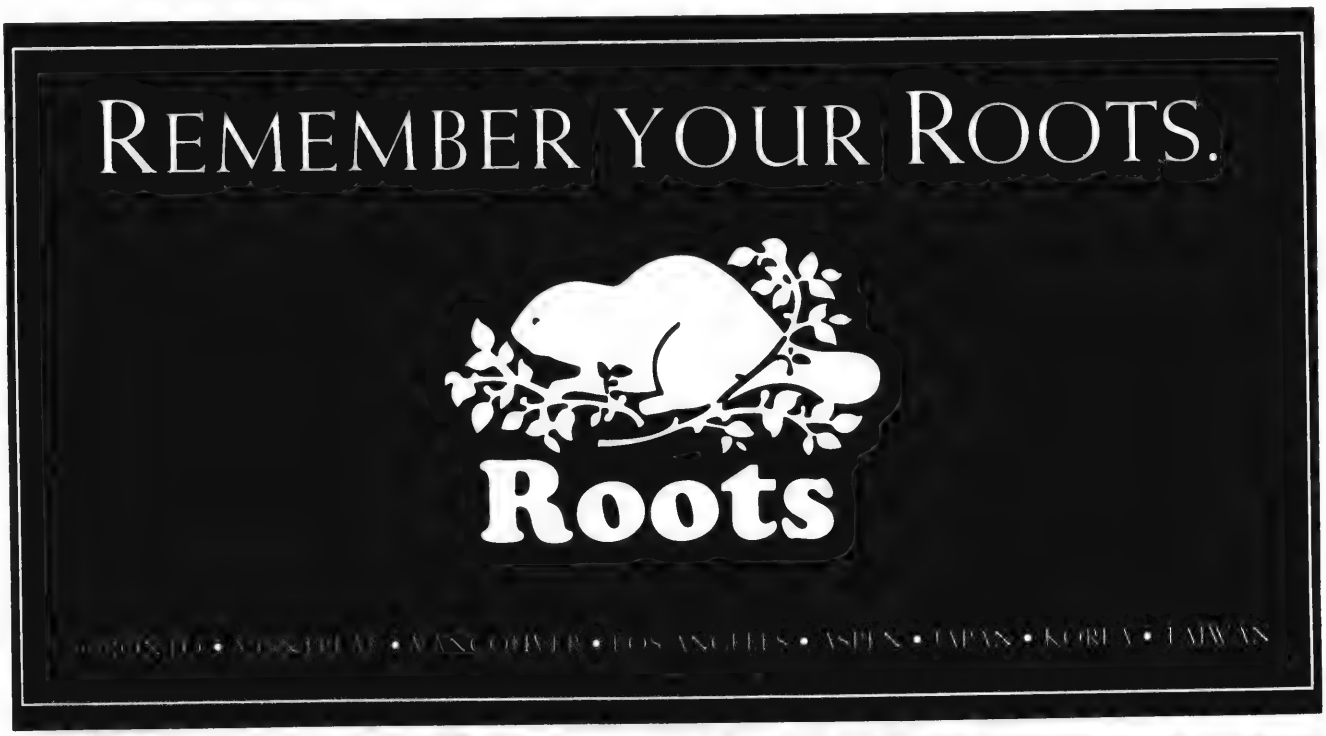

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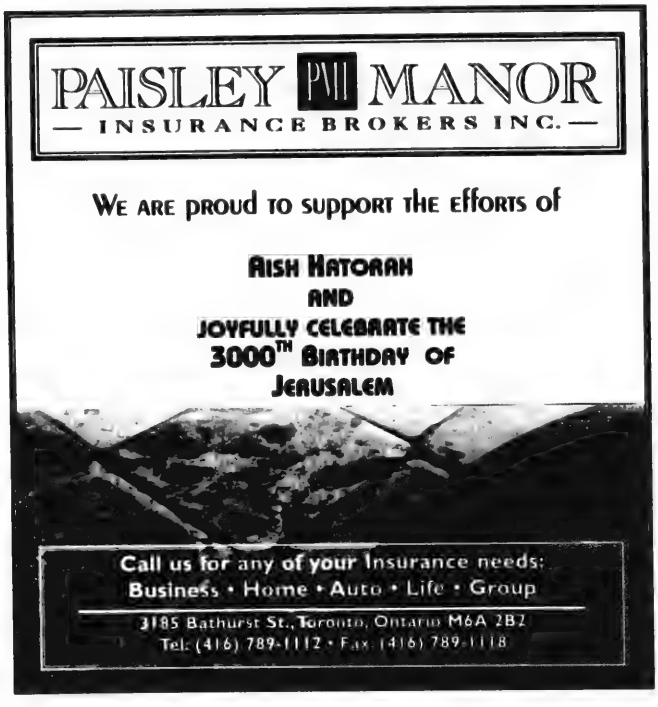
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BROTHERS MEET ON MOUNTAIN IN MIDDLE OF NIGHT

by **Rabbi Avraham LeBowtiz**
Nightlife Reporter

Mount Moriah — Two brothers who met last night on Mount Moriah, were today able to explain the unusual events concerning their wheat supplies that have occurred over the last few weeks.

The two brothers live on opposite sides of the mountain. One brother is unmarried and childless, while the other is married and has many children. Each brother has, for some time now, empathized with the plight of the other.

One dark night, the unmarried brother brought a bundle of wheat and added it to his brother's pile to help feed his family. That same night, the married brother, concerned that his brother did not have any children to care for him, brought a bundle of wheat and put it in his brother's silo.

The next morning, each brother had the same amount of wheat as before. That night, each brother again brought the other a bundle of wheat. This went on for many weeks, until last night the brothers met on top of the mountain. Realizing what had happened they embraced.

It is on this exact spot, that the Temple will be built. ■

King David Buys Site for Temple

by **Elliott Katz**
Real Estate Reporter

Jerusalem 2756 — "Location, location, location," were the reasons given today by King David as he completed the purchase of the threshing field of Araunah the Jebusite on Mount Moriah for the site of the future Temple.

Known for his ability to overcome Goliath challenges, King David said the field was the perfect site for the Temple. He provided some background:

➢ On Mount Moriah, on which the Temple Mount was built, is the Foundation Stone, the focus around which the world was created.

➢ Adam was created from the spot where the Altar of Temple later stood. Adam lived in the Garden of Eden until he sinned by eating the forbidden fruit and was ejected. He then returned to Mount Moriah where he built an altar and offered a sacrifice to try to atone for his sin.

➢ Cain and Abel, the sons of Adam and Eve made offerings on the altar that Adam built.

➢ Adam's altar on Mount Moriah was destroyed by the flood in the time of Noah. After the flood, Noah returned and rebuilt the altar.

➢ When Abraham was 100 years old he had a son Isaac. G-d tested Abraham by commanding him to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham rebuilt the altar on Mount Moriah.

➢ Jacob fell asleep on Mount Moriah and dreamed about a ladder standing on the ground with its top in the heavens. The rock he slept on was the Foundation Stone where later stood the Ark of Covenant in the Holy of Holies of the Temple.

"Now that we've closed the deal, I'm going to gather construction materials and start digging the foundation," King David added, noting that a July 2757 completion date was expected. ■

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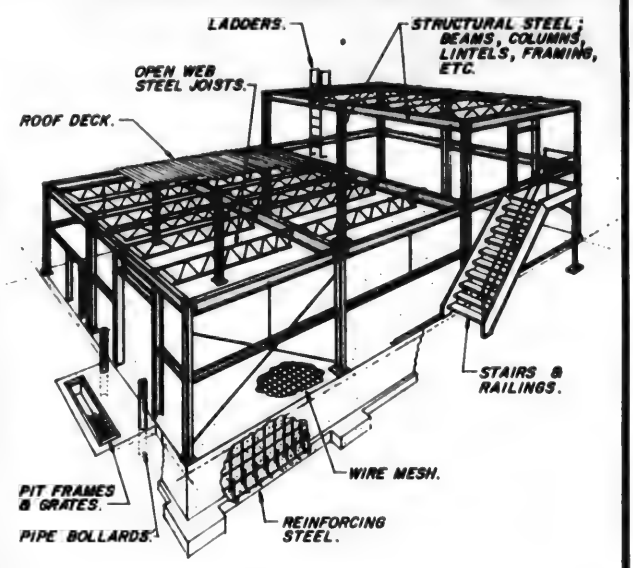

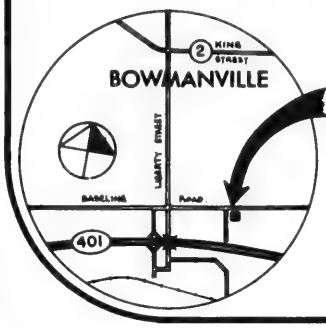

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The Ark of the Covenant

Jerualem, 2770 — In a solemn ceremony, culminating in a magnificent popular festival, the Ark of the Covenant of G-d was brought into Jerusalem by King David yesterday from the home of ObedEdom, where it had found a temporary resting place.

King David himself conducted the chorus and orchestra in the performance of his latest composition - a song of overpowering beauty, dramatizing the grand entrance of the Ark's bearers into the square where the tabernacle had been set up. Just before the Holy Ark was placed inside the tabernacle in which it is to repose from now on, the King danced before the Ark, holding the huge crowd completely spellbound from start to finish.

After this joyful performance, King David offered up sacrifices, blessed all those assembled for the occasion, and then saw to it that everyone received the royal gift of meatbread and raisins lavishly soaked in wine.

Free Refreshments

The King then repaired to the royal palace of the official reception of the tribal delegates and of dignitaries of various foreign countries.

Meanwhile, the happy populace surged through the streets of the capital. Those who had come from other towns slowly made their way out of the city, and the Hills of Judah echoed their songs and their joyous laughter.

Excerpted from "Chronicles - News of the Past" ■

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his busy schedule as husband, father, monarch and warrior, he even finds time to play the harp and write beautiful psalms. At the tender age of 30, he began his reign over the tribe of Judah. He is credited with uniting the Jewish people after years of divisiveness and war between troops loyal to Ishboshet and the tribe of Judah.

Later today, King David announced that the Holy Ark will be taken out of Kiryath Yearim and brought to Jerusalem. Tens of thousands of people are expected to escort the Ark with lyre and shofar, and singing and rejoicing. King David will lead the procession himself. ■

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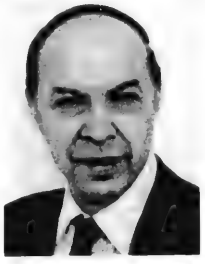
Aish HaTorah Toronto is pleased to announce the following appointments for its Sunday, June 18th Gala Event.

Ed Mirvish

Ed Mirvish will assume responsibility as Honourary Co-Chairman of the Event. Affectionately known as "Honest Ed", Mr. Mirvish has become a Canadian legend in the entertainment world. He is President and Chief Executive Officer of Honest Ed's Ltd. (a 160,000 sq. ft. retail area) and the world famous Royal Alexandra Theatre. He is also the Director of Honest Ed's Ltd., Ed Mirvish Enterprises, and The Old Vic Theatre in London, England. In addition, Mr. Mirvish owns six restaurants adjacent to his Royal Alexandra Theatre, as well as "Mirvish Village", a showcase of boutiques and restaurants .



Leslie Dan

Joining Mr. Mirvish as Honourary Co-Chairman is **Leslie Dan,** Chairman of pharmaceutical giant Novopharm Ltd. Born in Budapest, Hungary, Mr. Dan came to Canada after the war.

In addition to being a successful businessman, Leslie Dan is a major philanthropist. In 1985 he founded the charity CAN MAP, which has distributed over $2.5 million worth of medicine to Third World countries. Involved in numerous Jewish organizations, The Dan family recently dedicated Aish HaTorah's new World Center at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, as well as Aish HaTorah Toronto's new permanent home, the Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre in Thornhill.

Mayor Ehud Olmert

Appointed as keynote speaker for the evening, is **Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert**. Born in Israel in 1945, he was elected to the eighth Knesset in 1973 at the age of twenty-eight. Since then, he has been re-elected five consecutive times.

Between 1981 and 1988, Mr. Olmert served as a senior ranking member of the Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee in the Knesset. Since then, he has served as a minister in the Israeli Cabinet under Yitzhak Shamir, first as Minister of Minorities and later as Minister of Health. Additionally, Mayor Olmert was the senior and managing partner of the law firm, Ehud Olmert & Co.

Malcolm Hoenlein

Assuming duties as Master of Ceremonies for the Gala is **Malcolm Hoenlein,** Executive Vice-Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, the coordinating body on national and international Jewish concerns for over 50 national Jewish organizations. The National Committee for Jerusalem 3000 is under the auspices of this organization.

Mr. Hoenlein has written and lectured extensively on international relations, Israel and Middle East Affairs, Soviet and World Jewry, the American Jewish community, political affairs, intergroup relations and domestic concerns. In 1993, he gave an inspiring address at Aish HaTorah's Report on the State of World Jewry, at the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. ■

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Opening ceremony of the Jerusalem Mall.
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by David J. Azrieli

Jerusalem, the spiritual centre of Israel and the Jewish People, and the seat of Government, is becoming a thriving centre for business as well.

In March of 1993, I opened the largest shopping centre in the Middle East in Jerusalem. The mall, which has some 400,000 square feet of net leasable area, has a parking structure for 2,000 cars, office space, a synagogue and other facilities. The centre has more than 180 shops, 2 department stores, a supermarket, a cinema, and a large food court. Major foreign-based retailers such as Benetton, Esprit, and Marks and Spencer are operating their businesses in the mall, as are Diaspora Jews who have brought their special skills and products. Canadians among these are the Koffler family's Superpharm drug stores, Aldo Shoes, and others. Sales per square foot are exceeding those in America's best malls.

After 2 years in operation, the centre is a great success. It attracts thousands of shoppers daily, and has become a focal point for Jerusalemites and an attraction for visitors. In fact, it serves a market far greater than the city itself; clearly, this business endeavour is a resounding success.

It is the overwhelming popularity of "Canion Yarushalayim" that provided the impetus to catapult south-west Jerusalem, an area with diverse demographics of Jews and Arabs, religious and secular, into Jerusalem's new downtown.

In addition to our mall, the area already has the Teddy Kolleck Stadium, the Israel Tennis Center, a major sports complex, the Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, and a School of Technology. Directly across the street from the mall is a 15-acre technology park which is dedicated to science-based and high technology industries. The 50 million dollar park is already home to industries in electronics, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, optics, telecommunications, and computer software.

The synergy between this park and the many scientists and scholars from Jerusalem's world-renowned Hebrew University is obvious. Jerusalem, like Israel as a whole, has some of the best trained professionals in the world. Her greatest natural resource is her people, who are being augmented daily by the arrival of highly-skilled immigrants, especially from Russia. This windfall of talent has already attracted many investors and foreign businesses. Many more are actively investigating other opportunities, especially in light of Israel's unique position with the great markets of the world. As a result of Israel's proximity to the emerging Middle East and its trade agreements, providing free access to the European Economic Community and to the United States and Canada, Israel has positioned itself, once again, at the international crossroads for east-west and north-south trade.

Another significant benefit to doing business in Jerusalem, is the availability of financing from local banks. When I first started business in Israel in 1983, Israeli banks were not ready to finance new ventures. Today, the reality is totally different. Financial institutions are competitive and active in dealing with new ventures. My own enterprise is financed exclusively by Israeli banks.

In short, the prospects for business in Jerusalem are both exciting and encouraging. The ingredients for a successful venture are readily present - a thriving population, a highly skilled labour force, a pro-active government, and a waiting market - in the immediate vicinity and abroad.

My own experience has taught me that if you stick to the business you know well, conduct your business seriously as you do at home, and apply proper management techniques, Jerusalem does indeed provide the environment for success.

While my own venture in the Holy City has been most successful and profitable, and I have the satisfaction of creating substantial new employment opportunities, it has also been a great honour and privilege for me to fulfil the holy mitzvah of building in Zion.

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Jewish Quarter Lost

by Elliott Katz

Jerusalem, June 11, 1948 - In the cease-fire announced today, the Old City of Jerusalem was left in Arab hands. The Jewish Quarter was the scene of intense fighting as heavily outnumbered Jewish fighters were besieged by Arab troops. With their supplies of food and ammunition exhausted, the Jews surrendered on May 27, 1948.

Some 1,300 elderly men, women and children and wounded men, were led out through Zion Gate. A British officer supervising the surrender said, "Where is the Haganah, where are the soldiers? We will be a laughing stock when people hear that the Legion, together with the Iraqi and Egyptian soldiers and the Arab National Guard, were held at Bay by these. For days we have been opposed by thousands of fighting men and here we have only old men, women and children." ■

Western Wall Under Jewish Control

by Elliott Katz

Jerusalem, June 7, 1967 - This morning from his half-track in front of the Inter-Continental Hotel on the Mount of Olives, Colonel Mordechai Gur ordered, "To commanders of all regiments. We are going up to the Old City, to the Temple Mount, to the Western Wall. For two thousand years our people have prayed for this moment. Israel is awaiting our victory. Let us go forward."

Israeli troops burst through Lion's Gate and entered the Old City. At 10:15 Gur radioed to headquarters, "The Temple Mount is ours. Repeat: The Temple Mount is in our hands."

A group of paratroopers rushed through the narrow streets. One of them broke through a small doorway and yelled, "The Western Wall, I can see the Western Wall."

For the first time since the Bar-Kochba revolt was suppressed in the year 135, the Western Wall was under Jewish control. As the news spread quickly throughout Israel, people wept openly and danced for joy in the streets.

"Our true objective was no longer the taking of this strategic position or that important network, it was the liberation of history itself," Gur later said. "We were on our way to keep an appointment, and we went running, breathless, our hearts pounding." ■

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Jerusalem 3000 Festivities Throughout 95/96

by Elana Carr
Special to The Times

The Israeli government will officially launch Jerusalem 3000 in September 1995 at a gala celebration near the Western Wall, and continue through December 1996 with a wide variety of unique events and performances. From King David's Feast, a monumental banquet, to a lavish production of Verdi's opera Nabucco, to historical pageants, concerts, and sound and light shows, there is something planned to suit everyone.

The Canadian Committee for Jerusalem 3000, chaired by Neri Bloomfield, will be hosting a simultaneous launching of Jerusalem 3000 in September 1995. Numerous organizations within the Canadian Jewish community are also honouring this momentous occasion.

During the week of June 2-9, 1996, a strong Canadian presence will be felt in Israel, as the Canadian Committee hosts Canada Week, featuring an array of festive programs, exhibitions, tours, and a ballet and modern dance performance by Le Don des Etoiles, representing top Canadian and international performers. Additionally, there are a variety of special youth activities including a student pen-pal project between Canada and Jerusalem, and an international Jerusalem song competition.

For more information, please contact The Canadian Committee for Jerusalem 3000 at (514) 486-9526. ■

JERUSALEM:
What's in a name?

by Sylvia Papernick

To commemorate the 3,000th anniversary of King David's proclamation of Jerusalem as the Jewish capital, let us take a closer look at this wondrous city's name.

J **Jews** — No other group yearns for Jerusalem as vigorously.

E **East** — Throughout the diaspora, we face east to Jerusalem during prayer. Jerusalem is always in our thoughts.

R **Ruth** — Great grandmother of David, a devoted and righteous woman.

U **Uzzah** — Lost his life trying to protect the Holy Ark in transport to Jerusalem.

S **Solomon** — Son of David, second King of Israel. He built the first temple in Jerusalem.

A **Absalom** — When lost at battle, he was greatly mourned by his father, David.

L **Levites** — Maintained the Temple and its sacred vessels.

E **Egged** — The modern day chariots that transport us from the hills of Judea into the streets of Jerusalem. With every turn of the wheel, we are that much closer to her sanctity.

M **Mashiach** — "The anointed one", he will be a descendant of King David. His arrival will mark the time when all Jews will come together, to rejoice in the peace and brotherhood that is Jerusalem.

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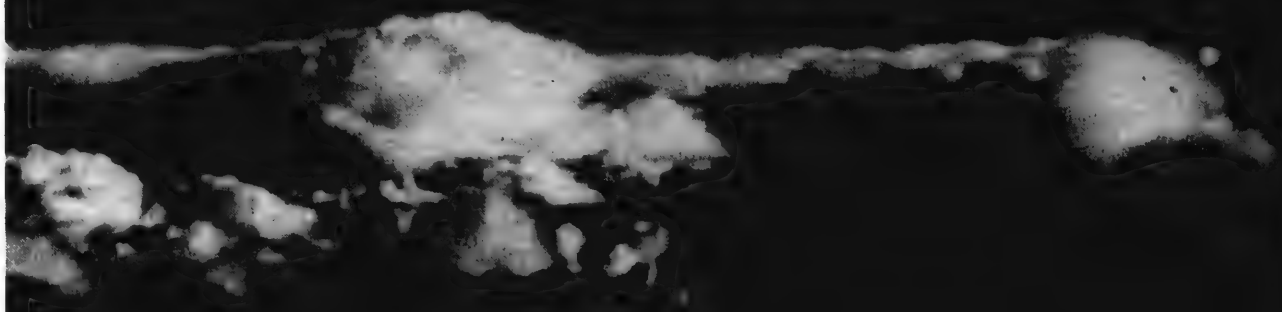

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"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem"

Jerusalem:
Eye of the Universe

by Rabbi Aryeh Kaplan

Imagine yourself in Jerusalem two thousand years ago. It is the festival of Passover, and Jews from all over the world are coming to celebrate the holy season. They come from every direction, first by hundreds, then by thousands, and finally by hundreds of thousands. When the festival arrives a good portion of the entire Jewish population is concentrated in this one city. As far as the eye can see, the mountain slopes are covered with tents, where people will roast their Paschal Lamb, which in the time of the Temple was the focal point of the Passover service.

Two holy days are observed by virtually every Jew: Yom Kippur and Passover, two of the most significant days of the Jewish calendar. The most dramatic part of the Yom Kippur service occurs at the close of the day, just as the service is about to end. To announce the conclusion of this most sacred day, a long clear blast is sounded on the Shofar. The congregation responds, "Next year in Jerusalem!" The Passover Seder is also one of the most meaningful rituals of the Jewish year. It is observed at home rather than in the synagogue. And here, too, the service ends with the words, "Next year in Jerusalem!"

At the conclusion of every Jewish wedding ceremony, it is customary for the groom to break a glass. Among Ashkenazic (Northern European) Jews, the custom is to shout Mazel Tov at this point. But Sephardic (Southern European) Jews recite the verse, "If I forget you O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning," (Psalms 137:5). The glass is broken so that even at the happiest moment of their lives, the bride and groom should recall the destruction of Jerusalem. This is in keeping with the next verse, "Let my tongue stick to my palate if I remember you not, if I set not Jerusalem above my greatest joy."

Every synagogue in the world is built facing Jerusalem. Since both Europe and the United States are west of Jerusalem, their synagogues were traditionally built facing east. But in any part of the world, when a synagogue is built, it always faces Jerusalem. Thus, whenever a Jew prays, he faces this Holy City.

Rabbi Nachman said, "Wherever I go, I go to Jerusalem." And so it is for every Jew. The eternal message of Jerusalem accompanies the Jew every day of his life. He longs for Jerusalem the 'city of peace' to find its complete fulfillment. He mourns for its Temple temporarily removed from its people.

Daily we pray for Jerusalem "the mother of Israel." She is brought to mind when we thank G-d for our food, in our Sabbath and holy-day observances, and in our prayers. Even when we paint and plaster our homes we leave an empty space to recall Jerusalem. We are in love with Jerusalem. It is this love which causes us to call upon her at every opportunity. We cannot remove her from our thoughts. As the Talmud relates: "Ten measures of beauty descended to this world. Nine were given to Jerusalem and one to the rest of the world."

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Nachmanides wins debate, runs for life

by Elliott Katz

Jerusalem, September 1, 1267 c.e. – Rabbi Moses ben Nachman (aka Nachmanides and the Ramban) arrived in Jerusalem yesterday, after being forced to flee Spain for winning a public debate against Pablo Christiani about whether the Messiah had already come.

"Our feet are standing within thy gates, O Jerusalem," Nachmanides, 73, recited from Psalm 122, as he entered the city, established a synagogue, and began rebuilding Jerusalem.

As leader of the Jewish community during Spain's Golden Era, the philosopher and kabbalist was ordered by King James of Aragon to enter into a public disputation with Pablo Christiani, a Jew who became a Christian and was trying to convert Spain's Jews.

The disputation began on July 20, 1263. Although Nachmanides clearly had the upper hand, Pablo claimed victory and kept trying to convert Jews. Nachmanides wrote his account and his opponents charged it was blasphemous. He was tried before the King and banished. In the fall of 1264 he set out for Jerusalem.

When he saw the devastation of Jerusalem left by the Mongols in 1260, he tore his clothing in mourning. At the Western Wall, he tore his clothes again in remembrance of the destruction of the Temple.

"And what shall I tell you with regard to the land? Many are its forsaken places, and great the wastes," Nachmanides noted. "The heart of the matter is: the more sacred the place the greater the devastation it has suffered. Jerusalem is more desolate than all, Judea more than the Galilee. Yet in all its destruction it is an exceedingly good land." ■

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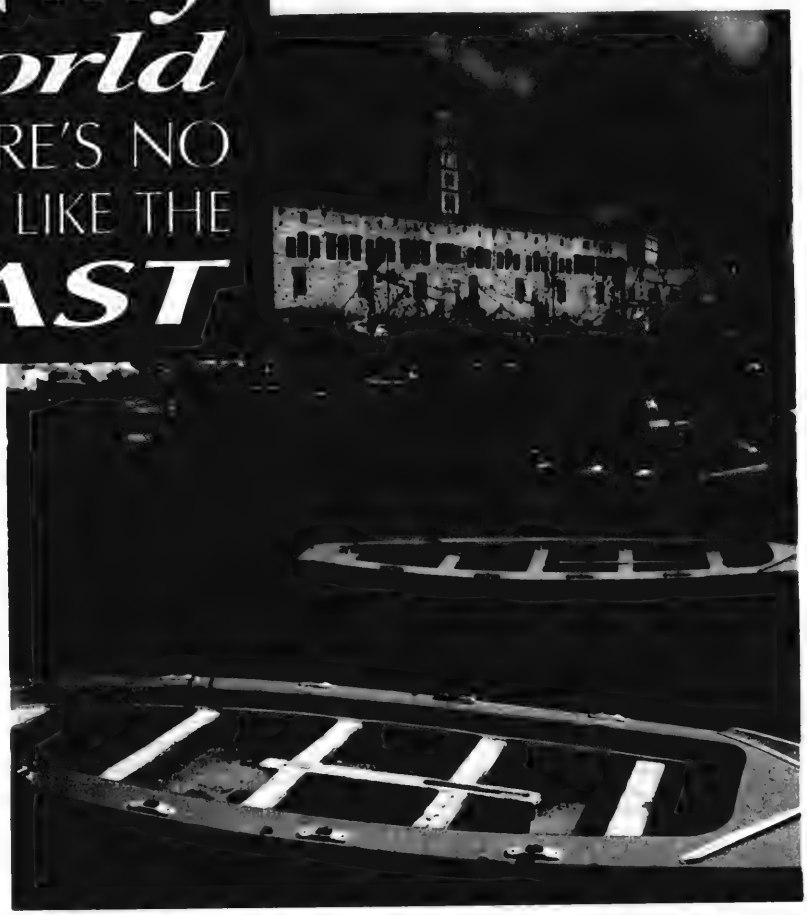

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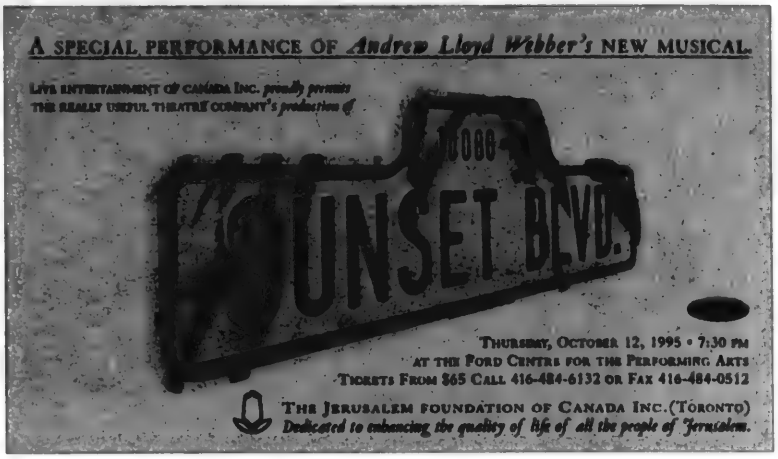
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Jerusalem:
The Future of the Past

by Moshe Safdie

It is a gold city. Jerusalem the Golden is the Jerusalem of yellow-gold limestone. I know of no city with quite that color of stone which is made more intensely golden by the clean air, strong sun and deep blue sky.

Jerusalem has a sensual skyline. Out of the strong framework of the city walls rise two great domes, the Dome of the Rock and al-Aksa mosque, one golden, the other silver, along with hundreds more domes of varied shapes. In the main however, the texture of Jerusalem is soft and feminine. Where you would normally think of the fabric of a city as being made up of buildings standing along the edges of streets, it would be more accurate to think of Old Jerusalem as a mass of intricately carved stone. It is as if nature had deposited a solid layer of limestone three or four storeys high which followed the curves and contours of the landscape. Then, with a chisel, man cut away alleys, passages, stair ramps, courtyards and terraces.

Jerusalem forms a human mosaic. In the old City you start with the great diversity of native people. There are Armenian priests in their black robes and black pointed hoods; members of Roman Catholic orders, some with brown gowns, some with gray, mostly bareheaded; Ethiopians, black-skinned, in black robes and square hats; imams with their white turbans and light robes; Hasidic Jews with their fur-rimmed hats and black coats; Sephardic Rabbis, often bearded but without sidelocks, always dressed in black; and civilian Israelis, some in suits and ties but most dressed in slacks and open-necked shirts; and the soldiers in uniform, with slung rifles or submachine guns, some dark, others blond with blue eyes or even redheaded. And then there are the tourists: the typical American tourists, armed with two cameras, wear loud shirts, and blue and white hats bought in tourist shops.

As the people of the city look different, they also move differently: The Hasidic Jews stride along with nervous energy; the farmers, with produce on their heads, sway like camels through the markets, the tourists loiter; the children scamper.

In the markets, sounds of donkeys swinging their bells, and always the voices of merchants, echo off the hard stone surfaces. As you move out of the main markets the sounds change to the cries of playing children and barking dogs. And as one moves toward the southeast corner of the Old City and Western Wall, the sounds of praying become louder. This sound changes, too - from the sound of singing and the piercing cry of women on Mondays and Thursdays as Bar Mitzvahs or other festive occasions are celebrated to the wailing and moaning from just before Rosh Hashanah, until Yom Kippur.

But by far the most beautiful moments for me in Jerusalem are when the golden-hued city glows at dusk and the sounds of church bells ringing, the muezzins chanting, and Jews praying at the Wall, all blend together. As they intermingle with the sounds of the street, and as you stand anywhere in the city, you will find yourself listening to a wonderful symphony.

One cannot build with indifference in Jerusalem. It requires either an act of arrogance - building boldly as Solomon and Herod did - or of aggression - demolishing the old fabric and building anew as the Romans and Umayyads did; or it demands humility - absorbing the past, reflecting upon it, respecting it, as one considers the present and the future.

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The King David Quiz

by Allan Gould

It's not every day that a city turns 3000, you'll have to admit, and if Rome wasn't built in a day, you can just imagine how long it took to not build Jerusalem. Or to rebuild it, for that matter.

In the interest of furthering the education of us all - an eternal concern of the Jews, even if we tend to underpay our Hebrew teachers - I've created a Quiz on King David, who had a great deal to do with the founding of Jerusalem, the magnificent city (that has great felafel, by the way) which we are celebrating on June 18th. Please close your books and keep your eyes on your own paper. Nu - Moishe!! I told you to take that gum out of your mouth! Okay . . . begin!!

1. Sports were important at the time of King David. The most memorable final scores in his life were:
   a. Chronicles II, Samuel I
   b. Samuel II, Chronicles I
   c. Chronicles II, Kings I
   d. all of the above

2. Once David took the throne of the Jewish people:
   a. he reigned 40 years, in the 2nd book of Samuel
   b. no, it rained 40 days, in the story of Noah
   c. can I take this class in summer school?

3. The Book of Samuel tells us that the young David was:
   a. "skillful in playing music"
   b. "a man of valour"
   c. "prudent in speech"
   d. "a man of good presence"
   e. "a good-looking kid with a 3.9 average in school and a pretty fine poet too, even if the shepherd profession was rather limited in advancement possibilities at the time.

4. One famous accomplishment of the young David was that he:
   a. defeated the huge Philistine, Goliath
   b. became best friends with Saul's oldest son Jonathan
   c. enraged King Saul to the point that he wanted to kill the young man
   d. And you thought that your family had tensions?

5. When David was anointed king of Israel and of Judah, he soon:
   a. fought against the Moabites
   b. struggled against the Arameans
   c. routed the Ammonites
   d. conquered the Edomites
   e. was continually bothered by his own balabatim

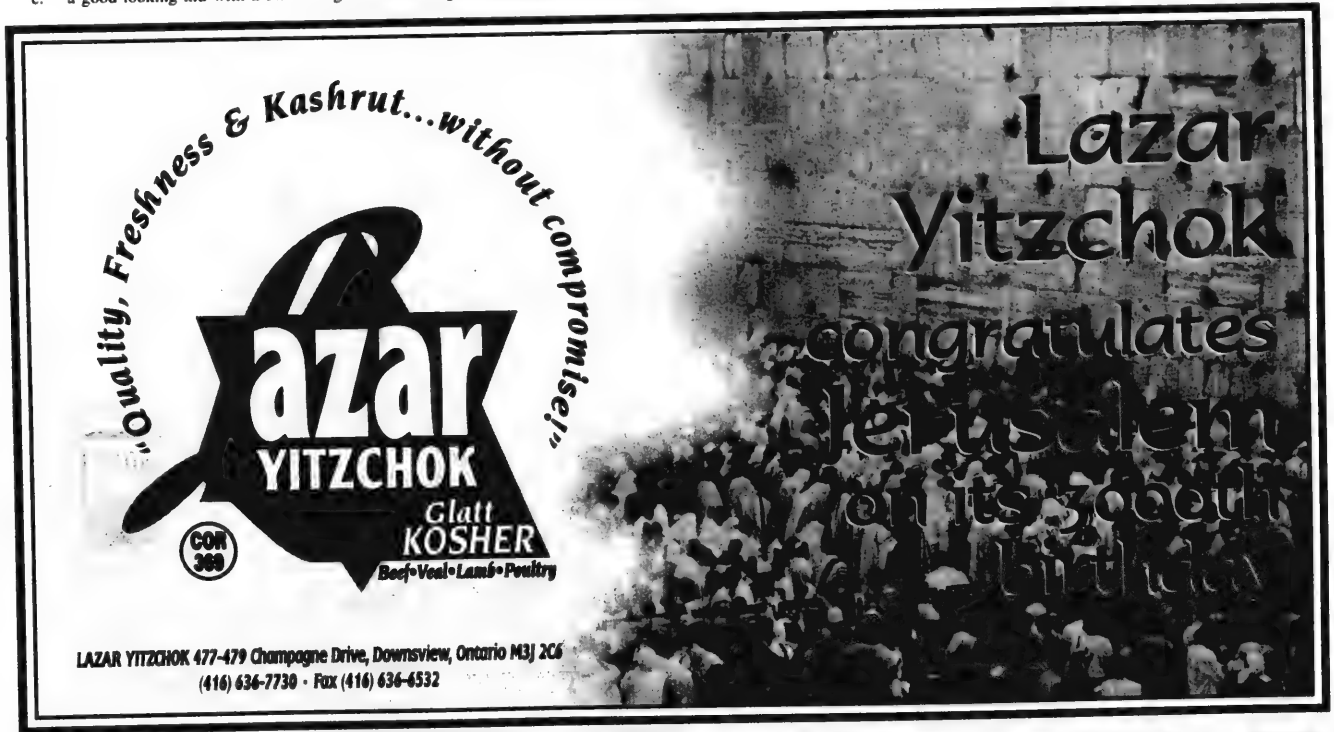
6. When King David finally captured Jerusalem, he:
   a. put a down-payment on a great location in Rehavia
   b. turned the city into the residence of the King
   c. founded an order of warriors, such as Benaiah, son of Jehoiada, who headed the Cherethites and Pelethites
   d. Say item "c" (above) quickly five times, and get an "A" grade!
   e. made preparations for the building of the Temple
   f. managed to pay off the mortgage on an earlier Temple

7. While David moved to centralize both power and religious observance in Jerusalem:
   a. his son Absalom rebelled against him
   b. the Benjamites pushed for revenge
   c. the men of Hebron rose up against the King
   d. there was an uprising by Sheba, son of Bichri
   e. Doesn't this sound a lot like your shul board?

8. Later, in David's old age:
   a. his fourth son, Adonijah, son of Haggith, expected to inherit the Kingdom
   b. Solomon, son of Batsheba, was promised the throne
   c. And people wonder why family businesses rarely survive into the third generation!

9. Looking back on King David's life, it is undeniable that :
   a. he was one of the strongest men of all time
   b. he was one of the greatest poets of all time
   c. he was a brilliant administrator and warrior
   d. he turned Jerusalem into the Eternal Capital of the Jews
   e. he was the kind of Jewish lad who any mother would be proud of, any mother-in-law would kvell over, and whose followers would still cause endless heartache and tzures. But then, we Jews are that way, right?

Allan Gould *is the author of 22 books, including the humourous* ***Unorthodox Book of Jewish Records and Lists*** *and the very serious and scholarly* ***What Did They Think of the Jews?*** *He is honoured to support Aish HaTorah's Jerusalem 3000 Celebration, and believes that King David was a remarkable man, if only because he tried to unite the Jews, which can be pretty thankless. He also needs a good, low-priced apartment to rent in Jerusalem this summer.* ■



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by Yona Katz
Food Critic

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The falafels were crispy, the pita delicious and the tahina tangy. Indeed, the flavour and pizazz of Jerusalem's culture were on display for all to taste. The crowds arrived in camel-drawn carriages and waited patiently while the chef prepared spicy shish-ka-bobs and scrumptious shwarmas.

Jerusalem's glitterai, comprised of local celebrities and palace notables, were also on hand. The best table in the house was occupied by none other than the fashion world's toga designers' Chanelstein and Valentinberg. King David's right hand man could also be seen hob-nobbing with the crowd.

Decorated in dark red sack cloth and accented with natural vines and shrubbery, the atmosphere was at once luxurious and rustic. Some couples even found it fitting to bring their farm animals along. Two chickens could be seen pecking at one table's leftovers, while at least one goat could be heard feasting on vegetable scraps in the kitchen.

All in all, Achad captivated the crowds with its ambience, menu and service, at the affordable price of one shekel. ■

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Jerusalem, 2756 — The fortress city of Jerusalem stands at a height of some two thousand cubits above the Great Sea and 300 cubits above the surrounding valley. The only approaches are by steep precipitous rocks, and even when these are scaled, the walls of the city have always successfully defied a conqueror.

These considerations must have been very much in the minds of the Jebusites four months ago when the forces of King David appeared before the walls and challenged them to surrender. They shut the gates in derision and called out to David and his men that the lame could defend the city.

Strange Offer

David immediately proclaimed to his host that whosoever would take the city would be commander-in-chief of his armies. This was a curious offer, since Joab already held that position. Rumours suggest that the King, feeling himself at odds with Joab, used this as an attempt to supplant him, without incurring the anger of the troops. Others say that the gesture was pre-arranged with Joab and was meant to inflame the men with ambition.

Whatever the explanation, the fact is that, spurred on by the taunt of the Jebusites, David's forces soon took the lower regions and outer defences of the city, the enemy retreating to the citadel. This was much more difficult to take. It could not be stormed, and by all military standards the defences were impregnable.

Attack from the Rear

Thus David's troops were presented with what seemed to be an insoluble problem. There was only man in the country who could be expected to deal with it, and that was Joab. Perhaps David knew this when he made this proclamation.

Drawing off his men a little as though preparing to retreat, Joab took time off to study the position. Suddenly he had the solution.

Whence did the citadel get its water? Where water could enter, an intrepid man could also. He searched around and discovered a deep shaft, sunk some 80 cubits and meeting an aqueduct. Taking a few chosen men, he ascended the shaft, moving silently and grimly upward, scaling its almost smooth face with indomitable persistence.

The noise of rioting and premature triumph made by the Jebusites effectively drowned any noise they made. The mouth of the shaft was unprotected. Joab and his company emerged swiftly and with the overwhelming and stupefying advantage of surprise, cut their way remorselessly to the gates which they swung wide open to admit David's victorious hosts.

Jebusites Spared

The swift victory has a pleasant sequel. Had a long and bitter siege taken place, bad feeling and bitter enmity would have beeb kindled on both sides. As it was, David could afford to be magnanimous, and the Jebusites could console themselves with the thought that they had not been shown wanting in military prowess but, rather, had been defeated by Joab's clever move. All they could be accused of was a lack of foresight; but in three centuries no one before had thought of mounting a guard on the watershaft.

Accordingly, the lives of the Jebusites were spared. They continue to inhabit their portion of the city peacefully and so far have not given us the least cause for anxiety.

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The new Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre on Clark Avenue in Thornhill is taking shape! See Story on Page 27.

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The story goes that during the conference among the leaders of the people to determine the site for the new capital, a number of people were opposed to the idea of making Jerusalem the first city, because the water supply was inadequate, due to the city's location away from both river and sea.

In answer, Nathan the prophet told these men that the residents of Jerusalem would become accustomed to looking out over great distances; in time, he said, they will see not only in the physical sense - but also the spirit of man through boundless distance of time. Jerusalem will be the place for the prophets of peace and the men of vision.

"So, you see," Nathan is said to have concluded, " water is not the issue."

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Founded in 1974 in Jerusalem by Rabbi Noah Weinberg, Aish HaTorah's approach has established its reputation as one of the largest and most successful educational outreach programs of its kind in the world. There are currently 13 branches worldwide including Toronto, Jerusalem, Los Angeles, New York, Washington DC, New Jersey, St. Louis, Cleveland, Miami, Detroit, London England, Minsk and Moscow.

Aish HaTorah has reawakened Jewish values, ignited Jewish pride, and promoted Jewish unity through a record number of seminars, classes and public lectures, all designed to meet the diverse needs of individuals from all backgrounds. Aish has proven that a fresh approach to Jewish wisdom, delivered by creative, committed young people, can turn the tides of assimilation.

In recognition of its achievements and ongoing commitment to the Jewish People, the Israeli Government awarded the coveted, last remaining site at the Western Wall to Aish HaTorah for its magnificent new Dan Family of Canada World Center.

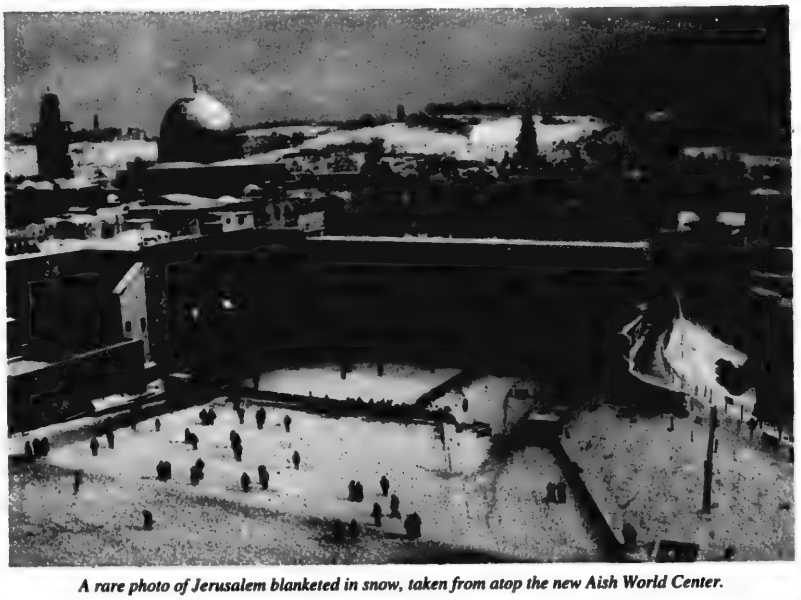
"Aish HaTorah" literally means "fire of Torah", and bringing the warmth of Jewish life to every Jewish home is Aish HaTorah's mission. For more information on how to ignite the spark in your heritage, call Aish HaTorah at (416) 636-7530. ■

New Aish World Center In The Heart Of Jerusalem

by Elana Carr
Staff Reporter

In 1985, the Israeli Government awarded the last remaining site at the Western Wall Plaza in Jerusalem to Aish HaTorah, in recognition of its achievements and efforts in Jewish outreach, learning and leadership. In October of 1994, the Dan Family of Canada Building of the Aish HaTorah World Center was opened.

Rabbi Weinberg, founder and Rosh HaYeshiva of Aish HaTorah, realized the incredible potential of building a centre to provide the thousands of tourists who pass by the Kotel every day, the opportunity to learn about their heritage, in the land where it all began. "The building is a fabulous gift for our work," he says. "Literally millions of Diaspora Jews are drawn to this Wall. More than any other time in their lives, they are seeking to learn about Judaism, and now we can be there for them."



A rare photo of Jerusalem blanketed in snow, taken from atop the new Aish World Center.

Designed by world renowned Canadian architect Moshe Safdie, the building has the unique historical character of the Old City of Jerusalem combined with modern architecture. In the words of Moshe Safdie, "Jerusalem is a powerful, spiritual place, and the challenge of the architectural design was to focus on the Temple Mount and on the Kotel and draw these aspects into the building."

Dr. Itzhak Yofet, an I.D.F. Paratrooper in the Reserves who was one of the heroes who regained control of Jerusalem in 1967 (see photo on pg. 8), commented on the new building. "I think it makes perfect sense and it is quite appropriate that Aish HaTorah is building across from the Western Wall, which was once the Jewish Temple. I think there is a very special atmosphere that the Wall can cast over the students, and this can be reciprocated by the influence (Aish HaTorah) can have over people visiting the Wall."

This new Centre will serve to further Aish HaTorah's goal of ensuring the survival of the Jewish people, by offering a multitude of dynamic programs designed for Jews of all backgrounds.

The site of the Aish HaTorah World Center has been witness to some of the greatest events in Jewish history, and with this new international centre, Aish HaTorah will continue in its worldwide efforts towards strengthening the future of the Jewish people. ■

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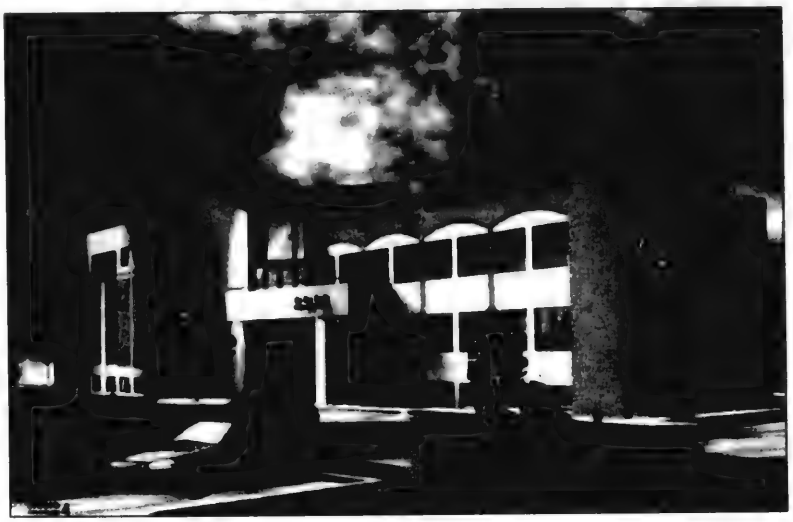

The Toronto branch of Aish HaTorah has had a significant impact on the local Jewish community since its inception in 1981. Today there are four affiliate locations that attract Jews of all affiliations and backgrounds. These locations, including The Village Shul in Forest Hill, The Uptown Shul in North York, Aish HaTorah Thornhill, and the Country Shul in Richmond Hill, have arisen in neighbourhoods where many young Jewish families are now living. The abundance of programs that Aish Toronto offers, caters to the diversity of interests within the community. Among the wide variety of Jewish learning options are evening Torah classes, Shabbatons, home learning groups, the Women's Advanced Learning Division, Executive Learning Program, children's programs, The Jerusalem Fellowships, Public Lectures with world-renowned educators, singles programming, the weekly Shabbat Shalom Fax, seminars such as Discovery and Why the Jews?, High Holiday programming, annual missions to Israel, and classes ranging from contemporary issues to Jewish parenting to philosophy.

Because the demand for innovative programs and seminars has vastly outgrown Aish HaTorah's current physical resources, construction began late last year on the new **Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre**, located on Clark Avenue west of Bathurst Street in Thornhill. This beautiful 22,000 square foot facility has been dedicated by **Leslie Dan,** Chairman of Novopharm, and his family.

"This is a major step forward for Aish HaTorah," says Rabbi Ephraim Shore, Executive Director. "This state-of-the-art facility will be something that the entire Jewish community in the Greater Toronto area will be able to use, and it will give us the opportunity to expand programming and services even more."

Designed in conjunction with Aish Board Member **Jack Winston**, the 2-1/2 storey Centre will house specially commissioned artwork and provide spacious facilities for community functions, meetings and seminars. The sanctuary will seat 350, and can be used for public lectures in addition to religious services. Aish HaTorah's Canadian head offices will also move in the Centre.

The new Community Centre is scheduled to open in September for the 1995 High Holidays. ■

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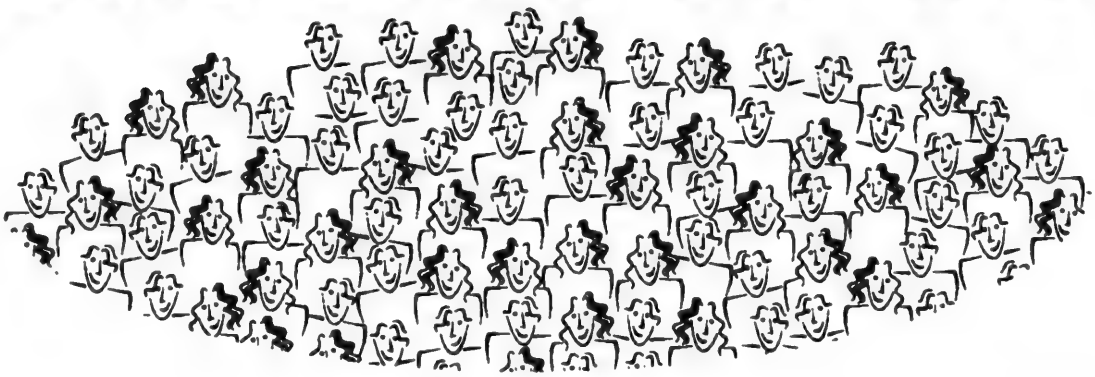

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From coast to coast

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Levy breaks from Likud

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — MK David Levy declared Sunday that he is setting up "a new political framework, a new movement that will organize into a party." Levy also announced that he will run for prime minister.

Levy appeared before some 4,000 supporters bused in from around the country to a Givatayim hall which has a capacity of only 1,500. The overflow crowd was sent to the roof to watch on a giant screen.

Levy was often interrupted by supporters who sang out, "David, king of Israel." He was kissed, hugged, and offered flowers. The crowd was often so hard to control that Levy shouted: "What do I have to do to talk around here?"

Levy was careful not to state that his as-yet-nameless party was being established now, since that would subject him to political financing laws, inhibiting his ability to raise funds.

Levy took care to present himself as a potential national leader, by devoting a sizable portion of his half-hour speech to the terror attack in Lebanon and to the peace negotiations.

"How long will soldiers fall and northern settlements be held hostage? Not only is [Syrian President Hafez] al-Assad not living up to his undertakings, but he encourages the spilling of Israeli blood...

"The government, which argues that Israel must evince restraint because the terrorists want to provoke a severe reaction to scuttle the peace process, is irresponsible ... A responsible government must protect its soldiers and citizens ... The government must announce that either the terror ceases or the talks stop."

Levy nevertheless strove to place himself in the political centre by vowing "not to be dragged to extremes which imperil national unity."

His new movement, he declared, will "show real concern for social problems. We will seek full equality to allow people to live with respect."

He did not mention or refer to Likud chair Binyamin Netanyahu.

FLYING THE FLAGS OF PROTEST

Protesters last week on the outskirts of Al Bireh decry what they called the government's impending creation of a new Gaza in the West Bank. *[RNS photo]*

Thousands flock to join Sharansky

'No government will be able to ignore our platform'

By MORDECHAI BEN-DAT

TORONTO — Thousands of Israelis have flocked to join Israel B'aliyah, the social and political movement co-founded by Natan Sharansky last week.

In an exclusive telephone interview last Thursday, Sharansky told *The CJN* the movement's small office in Jerusalem, manned by volunteers, most of them pensioners, has been overwhelmed by the flow of people. The organization's toll-free number has been ringing constantly.

"Between 1,000 and 2,000 people have been joining us every day. We now expect to have many more members than the 30,000 we had originally predicted."

Sharansky spoke emphatically, constantly underscoring his words with a vigorous pace and unrestrained excitement. While he repeatedly referred to the organization as a movement, he left no doubt during the interview that what was created last week was also the embryo of a political party. "We will not field a candidate in the election for prime minister; but we will have a party list standing for the general election. No prime minister, no government will be able to ignore our platform."

When asked to elaborate upon the party's platform, Sharansky explained that it was rooted firmly within the intellectual and ideological soil of traditional Zionism.

"Zionism," he said, "has two central pillars: building the people of Israel and building the State of Israel."

By building the people of Israel, he said, he meant strengthening the intra-societal bonds both inside Israel and between Israel and the Diaspora. In building the land of Israel, he was referring to the maintaining of inter-national relations between Israel and other states.

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Air Canada takes off for Israel

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Air Canada's inaugural Toronto-Tel Aviv flight lifted off from Pearson International Airport June 20 ending El Al Israel Airline's long held monopoly on regularly scheduled, direct flights from Canada to Israel.

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CANADA

Karp is Honored

OTTAWA — Community figure Fred Karp last week received a Canada Volunteer Award from Health Minister Diane Marleau.

Karp was honored for his many years of volunteerism at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Karp was one of 23 Canadians who received the award for "exemplary contributions to the health and social well-being of their communities."

Jack Austin Dies

TORONTO — Jack Austin, the druggist behind Canada's second largest retail pharmaceutical chain, died May 21 of cancer. He was 75.

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Dirnfeld Elected

RICHMOND, B.C. — Dr. Victor Dirnfeld has been elected president of the British Columbia Medical Association. He succeeds another Jewish doctor, Mark Schonfeld of Vancouver.

Born in Winnipeg, Dirnfeld, 57, was a founder of the association that developed into Beth Tikvah Congregation and served for three years on the executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region.

OBC For McVay

VICTORIA — Ken McVay, who has been challenging hate literature and Holocaust denial on the Internet for the past four years, was awarded the Order of British Columbia last week.

Premier Mike Harcourt said McVay "has made a significant contribution to our society in his own special way."

McVay directs a team of 65 volunteers around the world who respond to electronic hate material.

WJCC Changes

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council has reduced its size and will introduce electoral changes over the next three years.

The number of council seats will be reduced from 48 elected members and three appointees to 40 total. Of those, 24 will still be elected directly from the community, with the rest to be filled by representatives of the Council of Rabbis, the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba and the Combined Jewish Appeal, as well as by executive appointment.

Society Goes Online

MONTREAL — The Canadian Jewish Historical Society itself made history recently when it transmitted a record of its annual meeting over the Internet.

Summaries of sessions on anti-Semitism in Canada, the future of Quebec Jewry and other subjects were sent out electronically and archived into the World Wide Web, to which millions have access.

The society may be contacted at CJHS-L@oise.on.ca.

ISRAEL

Three Palestinians Killed

JERUSALEM — Israeli soldiers shot dead a wanted Palestinian and two members of an elite PLO unit last Wednesday on the border between Egypt and the Gaza Strip.

Israel Radio reported that two members of Force 17, a unit that provides bodyguards to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, were trying to help a leading member of the Fatah Hawks, the PLO's militia, infiltrate the border with Israel.

"It was wrong," said an Arafat spokesperson of the infiltration attempt. "On the other hand, we can understand the desperation of such an individual."

More Chechens Arrive

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Agency last week flew another 70 Jews here from war-torn Chechnya.

The arrival of the latest group brings to 173 the number of Chechen Jews brought to Israel by the Jewish Agency.

Israel is also flying in about 150 immigrants a month from the Muslim autonomous region of Daghestan, where some 20,000 Jews remain.

MiA Families Visit

JERUSALEM — The families of the three soldiers missing in action since 1982 visited the Knesset last Tuesday to mark the 13th anniversary of their disappearance.

Yona Baumel, father of MiA Zachary Baumel, charged that some politicians, including Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, openly state that pressing the issue of the MiAs and PoWs will upset the peace process and "others think it, but don't have the courage to say it openly."

Pass the Sunblock

TEL AVIV — Beachgoers here may soon be able to bare it all.

Mayor Ronni Milo said last week he would not raise any objections to a nude beach.

"We have had a special beach for religious people," with separate sections for men and women, he told *Ma'ariv*. "There is no reason not to have a nudist beach."

The first step to a nude beach was taken recently when the city suspended a bylaw that barred going topless.

WORLD

Memorial Unveiled

BERLIN — A controversial Holocaust memorial in this city's Steglitz district was unveiled recently. The names of 1,723 Jewish residents of Steglitz who were murdered during the Holocaust are carved on a 10- by 4-metre mirrored wall.

The architects wanted viewers to see their own reflections while reading the victims' names.

Front Makes Gains

PARIS — France's Jewish community was dismayed by the strong showing posted by the far-right National Front in last week's first round of country-wide municipal elections.

The Front registered strong showings in working-class suburbs of Paris and Marseilles, in the industrial northern and eastern sectors of France and along the Riviera.

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BJC inaugurated with fanfare

Former JCC completes restructuring

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "This is a re-awakening," said Mayor Mel Lastman as he presented the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) with a scroll from North York Council honoring its reopening and renaming.

"It's officially a reopening, but we never closed," said BJC board chairman Michael Kerbel proudly at a party attended by 250 on the patio recently. As Kerbel remarked, the day's bright sunshine augured well for the BJC future.

"The federal and provincial governments couldn't afford a scroll but we can," joked Lastman. "We're keeping them [the governments] afloat."

A BJC press release said the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto rescued the former Jewish Community Centre (JCC) from possible bankruptcy with a total of $11 million to cover a mortgage on the Bathurst Street property, payment to creditors and replenishment of the JCC's endowment funds. In addition, the federation arranged a privately guaranteed $2.5 million line of credit for the BJC.

Lastman recalled his days as a water polo player at the old Jewish Y on Brunswick Avenue in an interview with *The CJN*. "My mother made me quit after I got terrible scratches down my body from the toenails of a big fellow in a Hamilton match."

He doesn't run or jog today, but walks a lot to keep in shape, he said.

The mayor said he had more calls to his office from the Jewish community when the JCC financial troubles became known, and some programs were shut down, than at any time since the issue of the expropriation of the York Downs Golf Club to become Earl Bales Park.

"I thank the federation for standing behind us and I think the complete restructuring of the JCC is the right solution," he said in his brief public remarks.

New energy room

Kerbel invited the public to tour the building and see the new energy room for general members which has more than a dozen walking and jogging machines and stationary bicycles and all kinds of strength-building apparatus. The outdoor pool has been improved.

"This is a very special day and you've come through a difficult time," said Sandra Brown, federation president. "Today proves how central your organization is to Jewish life in Toronto and to the cause of Jewish continuity."

Acting United Way president Susan Pigott said she was close to the financial struggles of the JCC and was impressed by the tremendous commitment and skills which resulted in the reopening. "Our relationship goes back to 1956," she reminded the audience.

The ceremonial cake was cut by Joe Starr, newly-elected president of the Seniors Club, and Sari Mogul of the junior kindergarten day-care centre.

Michael Kerbel (left), chair of the Bathurst Jewish Centre's board of directors, presents North York mayor Mel Lastman with a silver key to the centre, at the BJC's reopening. [Stephen Epstein photo]

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JIAS helps 'Soviet' Jews avoid deportation

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Orders to deport 33 Jewish families from the former Soviet Union rejected for refugee status were set aside through the intervention of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS), according to Robert Kleinman, the president of the organization.

"We were able to overturn the orders and we hope to have them [the refugees] eventually approved as landed immigrants. We believe their fear of persecution if they return is real," Kleinman said in a report to the annual meeting.

JIAS was concerned this year over the decisions of various Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) panels to deny refugee status to some Jewish families who came here directly from the former Soviet Union because, the IRB panels decided, they could go to Israel under the Law of Return.

"This resulted from a misinterpretation of that law," Kleinman said. "The boards thought the law grants dual citizenship and that these applicants would not need refugee status. We're pleased that a recent decision of the IRB correctly interprets the Law of Return."

He also reported that the Canadian visa office in Zagreb, Croatia, will be more flexible in future in allowing parents and grandparents of Bosnian refugees already in Canada to come here, many of them aging people in poor physical shape.

JIAS has expressed its concern to Sergio Marchi, the minister of immigration about restrictions on family reunification.

"We are concerned that family members who are elderly will not be allowed to enter Canada at the same rate as they were in previous years."

On the subject of unduly onerous landing fees, Kleinman said: "Many of our immigrants do not have this money up front. Perhaps a loan or monthly payments could be arranged for them."

Lately, public opinion, "fueled by the media," has pictured immigrants as representing a burden on the community, special guest Marchi said. "They are wrong. Immigrants are builders of the nation.

"Some winds spilling over to Canada have a chilling effect on immigration attitudes," he said. "We must turn them into a kind of Canadian chinook to moderate these winds from California."

Sergio Marchi

An anonymous bequest in 1987 allowed JIAS to give a total of $30,000 in scholarships to Marcia Finchelstein, Ioulia Joffe, Dr. Ilya Kaploun, Ilya Shapiro, Perla Ovadija, Marina Zelter, Galina Zisk, all of Toronto; Ilona Karan of Hamilton, winner of the John Hirsch Award for the Performing Arts; Felix Ovis, Irina Serebrennikova, Boris Vasiliev and Pauline Sabinin, all of Calgary; Greg Belostotski of Edmonton; Irina Fainberg and Vladislav Sandler of Vancouver; and Branko Milosevic, Winnipeg.

A bequest from the late John Hirsch funded scholarships to Igor Gefter and Victoria Maidanik of Toronto.

Kleinman was returned as president, while other national officers are: Norman Mogil, immediate past president; Adrian Albert, vice-president at large; Ian Fine, Ottawa, vice-president (communities); Robert Furman, vice-president, (Toronto); Leslie Borshy, treasurer; Sandy Atlin, secretary.

IRB panels supports claim from Moldova

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A panel of Canada's Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) has shown unusually strong support for Jewish refugee claimants from the ex-Soviet republic of Moldova, says a Toronto immigration lawyer.

In granting the refugee claims of an elderly couple who said they suffered anti-Semitic persecution in Moldova, the two-member panel last week recognized that Jews in the republic cannot get adequate protection, said the couple's lawyer, Sergio Karas.

While the oral comments made by the panel are not binding on other IRB panels, "they recognize that Jews are at great risk in Moldova, and must be rescued," Karas told *The CJN*. "I've never heard such strong statements from the board. It was very compelling."

Between 40,000 and 50,000 Jews live in Moldova, a small landlocked republic between Romania, Ukraine and the Black Sea. According to documents submitted to the IRB, Jews and other ethnic minorities there, especially Russians and Ukrainians, face regular harassment and discrimination. A popular slogan is "Let's drown the Russians in Jewish blood," the documents state.

The IRB panel also considered a 1992 statement from a Moldovan Jewish leader who said that the lives of the country's Jews are "in serious danger."

While the Moldovan state cannot be accused of being anti-Semitic, it has been "unable" to protect Jews and other minorities from violence, mostly because of police inaction, documents indicated.

The IRB granted the refugee claims of a 69-year-old Jewish woman from Moldova and her 66-year-old husband, a non-Jew. They claimed to have suffered vicious anti-Jewish attacks, harassment and vandalism in the village of Grushka and later in the capital, Kishinev. They claimed refugee status in Canada late last year, arguing the attacks would continue if they returned to Moldova.

Karas said that last year, the IRB granted 231 claims from Moldova, many from Jews, and rejected 108 others.

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Hate crimes law welcomed by Jews

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The House of Commons last week passed its controversial hate crimes bill — with hearty support from Jewish groups and often bitter opposition from some members of Parliament.

Despite its contentious inclusion of sexual orientation, Bill C-41 passed 168-51, and now heads to the Senate.

For Jewish organizations, the bill's passage is a significant watershed. The community has long sought stiffer sentences for those found guilty of hate crimes.

The bill calls for harsher punishments for crimes motivated by prejudice against religion, race, ethnic origin, color, sex, age, disability, language and sexual orientation.

That last proviso prompted often rancorous debate among some MPs, who argued that its inclusion in the bill would legitimize homosexuality and offer protection to pedophiles and other sexual deviants.

In the end, four Liberal MPs — Tom Wappel, Roseanne Skoke, Dan McTeague and Paul Steckle — voted against the bill, despite threats of stiff discipline from their party. They were joined by all Reform members. New Democrats and the Bloc Québécois supported the bill.

Vancouver Liberal MP Hedy Fry reminded the House that the Nazi persecution of Jews began as individual acts of violence, like the gay-bashing of today.

In his remarks, Justice Minister Allan Rock noted the support the government received from several organizations, including B'nai Brith Canada and Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC).

B'nai Brith and CJC were among the first groups to support the bill's inclusion of sexual orientation, arguing that all Canadians are entitled to protection from hate crimes.

In February, representatives of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights appearing before the Commons' justice committee voiced their support for the bill.

In a statement last week, the League's senior legal counsel, Mark Sandler, said his organization is "delighted" by the bill's passage.

"We welcome the inclusion of sexual orientation ... since it reflects a much delayed recognition that gays and lesbians should no more be the targets of violence than other members of society."

CJC president Goldie Hershon also commended the bill's passage. This week, CJC is scheduled to make submissions to the Senate committee studying the bill.

New laws target hate groups

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Recent successful hate prosecutions have shown that legislation can be written to target hate groups without endangering freedom of speech.

This was the message given to delegates at the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies, held here recently.

Delegates attended sessions on federal and provincial hate laws and on using the media to expose hatemongers.

In British Columbia, which is home to an estimated 32 hate groups, the government two years ago broadened the provincial Human Rights Act to include hatemongering in addition to discrimination, said Harinder Mahil, chair of the British Columbia Council of Human Rights.

In Saskatchewan, hate laws led to the successful prosecution of a motorcycle shop owner selling stickers caricaturing blacks, Asians and natives.

And the Alberta Human Rights Commission prosecuted White Aryan leader Terry Long following an Aryan festival replete with cross burning and swastikas. Long and his group were ordered to pay $700,000 to cover the cost of the investigation, a penalty which indirectly put him out of business.

In another session, participants were told to proactively use the media against hatemongers. "We have to be able to take strong positions put in a dramatic way, just as the extreme right does, to capture the media's attention," said Jon Breen, chair of the Yukon Human Rights Commission.

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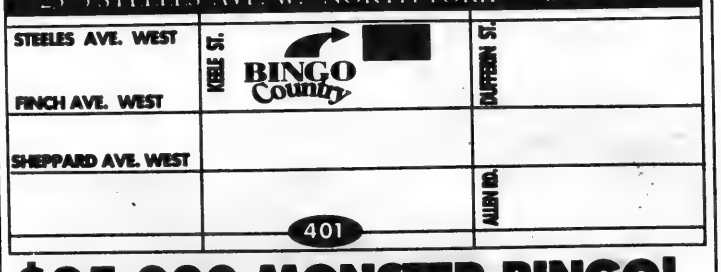

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לפני ימים אחדים לקחנו זוג מבקרים מישראל למסעדה שוויצרית. בגאווה הראינו להם את התור הארוך המשתרך בפתח המסעדה יום ולילה. עדות לייחוד המקום. האורחים התחלחלו: "אני ממש לא אוהבת לעמוד בתור לאוכל" אמרה היא. "זה מזכיר לי יותר מידי את הצבא" הוסיף הוא. מה שגרם להם למשבר עוד יותר עמוק הוא שמסביבם עמדו קנדים עליזים ושמחים שלא ראו בתור הארוך שום דבר מיוחד אלא חלק מחוויה של שלהיות ביחד. רגיים מהם החליפו חוויות, צחקו ושוחחו את אותן שיחות שימשיכו לידי השולחן אחר כך, בעוד שהישראלים עמדו משמימים וחסרי נחת, כמו בתור לניחומים של מישהוא בבית קברות.

וכמו תמיד, אי אפשר היה שלא לערוך השוואות. בישראל יש לתור משמעות טראומטית : תמיד מישהוא יידחק או יטען טענה זו או אחרת , ותמיד תהיה לכולם הרגשה שדוחקים אותם , שמשהוא לא בסדר עם התור הזה. ובקנדה? כאן לתור יש ערך של קתארזיס. הוא זז כמו שעון , ותמיד מגיעים ותמיד יש מקום לכולם ואף אחד לא נדחף. התור נותן לכולם הרגשה של סדר, שהעולם במנהגו נותנו ושהכל יבוא על מקומו בשלום. זו ללא ספק ירושה בריטית, שהרי אנגליה היא מולדת התור. עם הגיעי לקנדה ראיתי לתמהוני ביום ראשון אחד ,במניסע ארבעים בחודש ינואר, תור ארוך משתרך ברחוב ראשי. עצרתי לראות מה העניינים והתברר שמאפיית בייגל מפורסמת נתנה הנחה של דולאר לשקית או משהוא כזה. הייתי בשוק !

חורה לחברינו הישראלים : סוף סוף נכנסנו וקיוינו שהמראה הסטנגוני, הריחות והעליזות יגרמו להם לשכוח את חווית התור, אך אבוי ! ליד רוב הדוכנים היו תורים משתרכים משלהם. בקיצור - ערב שהיה אמור להיות עשר הפך לנון קטן ("ינכשלי") . לפצות אותם על ההרגשה הקשה לקחנו אותם אחר כך יומיים רצופים למוללת מזון מהיר והם היו - מה זה מבסוטים - ממהירות ההגשה ! ממש תוויה קולינרית !

גוגליציה :

בעוד כשנה וקצת יתקיימו בישראל הבחירות ודומה שהפעם יצביעו הישראלים על שאלות קיומיות מאוד, כמו החזרת רמת הגולן והחזרת/השארת חלקים בגדה המערבית. הדעות בעד ונגד מוכרות היטב לכולנו ואין טעם לחזור עליהן. מה שמרתק אותי יותר היא הצורה שבה עובדת הדמוקרטיה הישראלית. כפי שהדברים נראים עכשיו, מצפות לנו בנוסף לשתי המפלגות הגדולות (עבודה וליכוד) לפחות עוד שלוש מפלגות חדשות שיפצלו משמעותית את היכולת להגיע לרוב כלשהוא : מפלגת ה"דרך השלישית" שעיקר עניינה למנוע החזרת הגולן ; מפלגתו בדרך של דוד לוי שאינו מוכן לקבל את הדרך שבה מתקבלות הכרעות בליכוד ; וכמעט בטוח - מפלגה של עולי רוסיה, ואולי שתיים או שלוש כאלה. לכל אלה יש לחוסיף כמובן את שפע המפלגות החילוניות והדתיות הקיימות בפועל, והרי לפניך תשבץ מורכב מאוד. העם היהודי ידוע בדעותיו הרבות, שהיו מקור לגאווה והוכחה לאופי הדמוקראטי שלנו, אבל מצד שני - הפילוגים הרבים הביאו לתולשה ברגעים קריטיים, וכבר אמרו חכמים ש"על שנאת אחים תרב בית המקדש". הדוגמא חטריה ביותר לשאלוניה של שנאת אחים היא רצונם של נטורי קרטא להשתייך למדינה הפלשתינאית ולא לישראל, והעבדה שהם מתאבלים בכל יום עצמאות וקוראים את דגלי ישראל. כתוצאה מכך שלכל קבוצת אינטרסים קטנה יש מפלגה משלה - שום ראש ממשלה , וגם המוכשר שבהם, אינו יכול לקבל החלטות חשובות בלי לנשק את ידיו של אדמו"ר זה ואדמו"ר אחר. כשניסו ללענג לו על כך ענה רבין ולדעתי בצדק : מה אתם רוצים, זו "גוגליציה" כפי שהיא קיימת במדינת ישראל. שוב - ההשוואה לקנדה מתבקשת: תראו איך שיטת הבחירות האזורית עובדת יפה וחלק ! נותנים לכל אחד ציאנס לארבע חמש שנים, ובאותה תקופה אין הוא חייב לעשות וויתורים שטותיים לשום רב ולשום קבוצת לחץ. הצליח - הצליח; נכשל - הוא יכול להאשים רק את עצמו.

רון ישראלי יבין :

אפרופו תור : איש צעיר פנה לזה שעומד אחריו בתור לקולנוע בתל-אביב ואומר לו: "תוכל לשמור לי את התור? אני מוכרח ללכת לשירותים !" . מציע לו זה שאחריו :"במקום ללכת לשירותים תעשה את זה בכיס של זה שעומד לפניך!" מתפלא הצעיר : " וחוא לא ירגישו?" עונה לו זה שמאחוריו : " מה, ואתה הרגשת?"

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Hategan unravels Bristow 'yarn'

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — The story the federal government put out last year on the Grant Bristow affair is beginning to unravel like a cheap sweater.

The latest piece of yarn was plucked out by Elisse Hategan, a former neo-Nazi Heritage Front member who helped Bristow mount harassment campaigns against Toronto anti-racists two years ago.

Hategan, 20, who defected from the racist group around that time, was the star witness before the parliamentary sub-committee into national security here last week.

What she told MPs about Bristow was disturbingly at odds with the conclusions reached by the Security Intelligence Review Committee (SIRC) in its report last December. SIRC had been asked by the government to fully investigate the Bristow affair.

In its report, SIRC made Bristow out to be a brash, impulsive but useful spy who went along with the sometimes violent racist activities of the Heritage Front so he could pick up information.

SIRC said Bristow went too far at times, harassing people over the telephone, and he certainly should not have been spying on the Reform Party, but it concluded he wasn't such a bad fellow after all.

In fact, SIRC added, Bristow "deserved Canada's thanks" because he gave information on the Heritage Front to police.

Hategan told a totally different story about the Grant Bristow she knew inside the hate movement.

She described him as anything but a minor player. "Grant Bristow was the coach and designer of the campaign" that spread terror among anti-racist group members in Toronto in the winter of 1992-93, she testified.

He helped teach young neo-Nazis how to collect information on individuals (Jews were favorite targets, along with leftists and anti-racists), how to conduct surveillance and staking operations on selected victims, and how to use the telephone to wage psychological warfare against "enemies."

At a meeting on June 11, 1993, Bristow urged Front members to attack the homes of anti-racists, suggesting everything from dumping excrement on their properties to fire-bombing their homes, she testified.

Hategan categorically rejected the main conclusions of the SIRC report. Far from deserving Canada's thanks, Bristow should be behind bars, she said afterwards.

"This man was given taxpayers' money to harass and stalk and threaten taxpayers," she said. "He should be in the Don Jail [in Toronto] right now."

Hategan's testimony in Federal Court since her defection has helped put three Heritage Front leaders behind bars. By contrast, Bristow (despite his $60,000 a year salary from the Canadian Security Intelligence Service) has never testified in open court against his former Front friends.

(Among Hategan's more explosive allegations was that at least one officer of the Metro Toronto Police force was a Front member. She also said the head of Metro force's hate crimes unit regularly checked out left-wing activists with Front members.

Elisse Hategan

The CJN's calls to the force's media relations section were referred to Det.-Sgt. Wayne Cotgreave of the intelligence unit, who did not return the paper's telephone calls last week.)

Hategan is now living in hiding, fearing revenge from Front members. Bristow is being taken care of by CSIS, living under a new identity provided for him.

Hategan's testimony parallels information she gave Ontario Provincial Police two years ago, shortly after she defected, as well as information contained in 50 affidavits she signed detailing her Heritage Front activities. This is all information SIRC could have obtained from her lawyer Paul Copeland before it absolved Bristow.

Hategan calls the SIRC report on Bristow "a whitewash and a coverup." She has a point.

Her testimony is all the more damaging to the government's stand-pat line on Bristow because last February, two months after the SIRC report came out, the Heritage Front, which continues to exist, though somewhat restrained in its activities nowadays, put out its own video on Grant Bristow.

The Front's 90-minute video (which it is selling publicly to raise money for its racist causes) shows Grant Bristow as an eloquent platform orator and fundraiser exhorting the shock troops to donate more money to the cause. At one point, he invites members to learn how to conduct dirty tricks against the Front's targets.

Both the video and Hategan's testimony have put in doubt the government's story. It appears now that Bristow was not simply the follower the government would have us believe. The latest evidence indicates that:

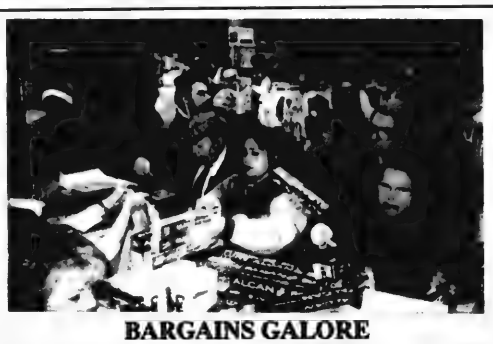
Bristow didn't just go along with operations against anti-racist groups. He helped initiate, plan and execute the violent encounter;

Bristow did collect information on people. What he did with it remains to be discovered;

Bristow did not passively go along with violence. He incited members to violence.

Hategan said only a full public inquiry with Bristow in the witness box could get to the bottom of what really happened.

She may be right.



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A clear statement

Bill C-41 was passed last week in the House of Commons by a vote of 168 to 41. It attempts to change somewhat the approach by the courts to sentencing individuals convicted of criminal offenses. The bill rests essentially on two planks for its philosophical underpinning: that victims of crime will no longer be faceless and nameless before the court; and that in appropriate circumstances prison will be a punishment of last, not first, resort.

But the public may be excused for not being aware of the philosophical reach of the legislation. For virtually all media attention has been devoted to the debate surrounding the provision in the amendment which calls for harsher penalties to be meted out by the court when the Crown attorney can prove that the crime was motivated by hatred directed at the victim due to his or her race, ethnic origin, language, color, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, or sexual orientation.

As a result, any light which might have informed and educated the public about the deeper merits of the bill was deflected away from the bill's true purpose and was focused onto a false one, namely, that it conferred an indirect approval of homosexuality.

The amendment was not about homosexuality; it was about hatred. It was about the uniquely vile form of hatred inspired by bigotry and prejudice. It was about the random, violent crime which injures human beings, strikes fear into their hearts and then, in the final degradation, also humiliates them.

The federal government decided to send a clear signal to the "hoodlums and thugs" in our midst. Violence will not be tolerated in Canadian society. And in particular, violence directed at minorities because they are minorities, will be reproached and punished even more severely.

For this clear statement of will and determination we commend the government.

The humility of leadership

Last week we wrote in this space that we view as an ominous development the increasing tendency within the community, both in the Diaspora and in Israel, to convert the important debate about the peace process — a watershed of historical moment, complicated issues and uncertain outcomes — into a campaign of *ad hominem* argumentation and personal vilification.

In this issue, we comment further upon this development. We have asked two writers, David Newman of Beersheva and Hillel Neuer of Montreal to explore the limits, if any, of "criticizing Israel from afar."

Newman is an Israeli completing a two-year tour of academic exchange in the Diaspora; Neuer is a Canadian. They do not share political ideologies. Indeed, they take a different approach to the weighty substantive issues raised in the peace process. But they arrive at conclusions about the manner of the Diaspora debate which are worthy of reprinting, both for their similarity and, in our view, their cogency.

Newman writes that "the tone of the debate in the Diaspora needs to be lowered, with the more vociferous and vehement parts of the debate being left for the citizens of Israel themselves."

Neuer urges the reader, *inter alia*, not to lecture "Israelis on how to be better Zionists without absorbing a good dose of humility beforehand."

We agree with both propositions. Israel's interests are best served in the long and the short run through community discourse marked by civility and respect. The issues are life-and-death and the path still marked by too many uncertainties for the debate to focus on personalities and the debaters to adopt self-righteous postures.

The people who purport to be leaders, who write on the peace process by sneering at the democratically elected government of Israel, who speak out on the process by denigrating the "other side," merely divide the community and ultimately cause it harm.

An idea is no less forcefully argued if it is respectfully and humbly argued. The proof of this can be found in the parshah, Beha'alotecha (Bamidbar 12:3), which was read only last week in synagogue. "And the man Moshe was very humble, (more) than any man on earth."

This is a lesson which the participants in the peace process debate must learn. Humility is leadership's companion; not its adversary.

Dry Bones

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Searching for a very dear friend

In Warsaw during January 1943, when only the remnants of the Jewish Ghetto were left, my brother-in-law Max was running for cover when he met an old friend by the name of Jakob Brzezinski. Jakob asked him to be present at his wedding that very day. He was marrying his long lost girlfriend, Sala. They both insisted on being married under a chupah in the Jewish tradition, even under such circumstances. From that day Sala and Jakob became our very close friends. We all lived together in hiding at 58 Mila St.

A few weeks later, when the Jewish uprising started, Max was killed. Jakob and his wife Sala continued to stay at our side. Not long after that we were taken by the Nazis. My sister and her child were taken away from me in Majdanek. In Majdanek I met Sala again. Jakob's whereabouts were unknown to us.

From Majdanek we were sent to Birkenau. During the big selection in November 1943, Sala and her friend Marysia ran to hide in the chimney. They were found and taken out, their bodies black with soot. The look of the girls tickled the fancy of Mengeles and the other SS. For some bizare reason their lives were spared, when 80 per cent of the inmates of their block were murdered.

After the death march in January 1945, we met again in Malchow. Sala was working in the ammunition factory. At the end of April 1945, she was taken out of Malchow by the Red Cross. We lost track of each other. After the war I wrote to the Red Cross — not knowing her maiden name. I wrote Sala Brzezinski, Warsaw, Solec.

I recently traveled to Ravensbruck, and placed flyers with her name all over the camp. I was unable to visit Malchow, where perhaps I might have been given some information about Sala, from some former inmates who were visiting. I pray and hope that one day I will find her, or someone who knows her, or what became of her.

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Cannot accept blanket whitewashing

Rabbi Bulka doesn't need me (or anyone else) to defend him. However, Frank Bialystok makes so much fuss over "facts" that I think he should get his facts straight first. He should also be aware that sins of omission are as bad as those of commission.

As he writes, the Polish state did not exist during the Nazi occupation. Therefore, such an entity could not have helped the Nazis. However the Polish people certainly did continue to exist, and here the story — as told by many witnesses, including my survivor wife — tells us what Bialystok forgets.

He writes: "As for Poles, most were bystanders to the Holocaust, some profited from it, and a relatively small number tried to rescue Jews." Mr. Bialystok, what about those who did help the Nazis? Was there no such category? Not one single individual who betrayed his neighbor? Ask my wife what happened to her father — and perhaps her brother too. How about those who helped hunt Jews or who murdered Jews hiding in the forests and elsewhere?

And let us not forget those friendly Poles who killed Jews even after the war. In blatant pogroms and individual anti-Semitic incidents all over Poland, in the seven months following the end of the war over 350 Jews, survivors of the camps, were brutally murdered, as in the infamous blood libel at Kielce, where 42 were slaughtered. (See *The Holocaust*, by Martin Gilbert.) Mr. Gilbert also states that "No town in Poland was free of such incidents."

I certainly would not want to condemn the entire Polish nation for the sins of an unknown fraction. However, neither can I accept blanket whitewashing of all the guilty ones as Bialystok tries to do.

Yitzhak Kalin
Ottawa

Defends his views on Poland and Jews

Rabbi Bulka and Dr. Pfefferkorn, in their letters to *The CJN* June 8, engage in egregious distortions with respect to their comments on Poland and the Holocaust.

Rabbi Bulka is right in calling for a "cooperative dialogue with Poles ... that cannot be based on ignoring or distorting the past." Yet, he does exactly that in confusing the centuries old anti-Semitism that permeated Poland with Poland's role in aiding the Nazis. Again, he conflates "Poland" (which did not exist as a nation-state during the war) with "Poles," by citing Prof. Trunk's comments. Yet, he is either ignorant, or dismissive, of Emmanuel Ringelblum's review of the Jewish police in the Warsaw Ghetto in December 1942 when he wrote: "The Jewish Polish Police had a bad reputation even before the deportation. Unlike the Polish Police, which did not take part in the abductions for the labor camps, the Jewish Police did engage in this dirty work." (*Ktovim*, Vol. II, p. 31). The issue is not whether the Poles were violent collaborators and the Jews were the saintly victims, but that the murderous regime imposed by the Germans (not Nazis) created situations where individuals had to make choiceless choices. Yes, Poles must be aware of the past and foreswear anti-Semitism, but Jews must also understand the complexity of the regime that made them the principal victims.

Dr. Pfefferkorn, a noted scholar of the Holocaust, should know better than to cite statistics out of context. The number of Poles cited by him are those who are honored as Righteous Among the Nations by Yad Vashem, and not the number that tried to rescue Jews. According to Mordechai Paldiel, the director of this project, there are some 8,600 individuals who are recognized, but well over 100,000 are worthy of the title. That Poland represents some 40 per cent of those honored (the most of any single nation) projects to some 40,000 or more who tried to save Jews. As a percentage of the total Polish population, this ratio is greater than that of Dutch Christians involved in rescue, in a country where 75 per cent of the Jewish population was deported to their deaths, and where the reprisals for aiding Jews were not as heinous as in Poland.

Frank Bialystok
Toronto

(Editor's note: With publication of the two letters above, the debate over Rabbi Bulka's letter is closed.)

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Perspectives

Criticizing Israel from afar

Crossing the lines

During the years of the Likud government in the 1980s, the Peace Now and other progressive Jewish movements throughout the world were known for their vehement opposition to the policies of that government. In particular, they came out strongly against the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, not least because it resulted in the deaths of some 600 Israeli soldiers and finally brought about a wave of terrorism in Southern Lebanon which has not ceased until today.

By David Newman

The Peace Now leadership began a series of public protests and demonstrations against the Israeli government, especially during the visits of the single figure who was most strongly identified with the policies of the government of the day, defence minister Ariel Sharon.

The methods adopted by Peace Now at the time brought the wrath of their right-wing opponents down upon their heads. How, it was argued, could an organization which supported the State of Israel demonstrate and protest publicly against the policies of a democratically elected government? True, the Israeli populace was deeply divided over what was seen by many as being a mistaken war, but this debate was carried out in Israel, among the residents of the country who were directly affected by these policies. It was not, so the arguments went, the place of any Jewish or Zionist organization to "wash their dirty linen in public" by bringing the world's attention to the errors of the government. Peace Now was attacked for being a divisive element within the Diaspora and for attempting to delegitimize the government of the State of Israel in its relations with the international community.

Since the change in government in 1992 and the subsequent signing of the Oslo Accords between Israel and the PLO leadership, the boot would now appear to be on the other foot. We are treated to a concerted campaign on the part of the right-wing supporters of a Greater Israel to delegitimize the policies and actions of the government of Israel. The messages coming through the media, public speakers and a sophisticated network of electronic cyberspace are virtually unanimous in their condemnation of anything which occurs in Israel, often issues which bear no relation whatsoever to the peace process itself.

The criticism given by the religious right is a mirror image of the protest practised by the left wing. In response to the "women in black" who demonstrated for years against the policies of the Likud government, they created the "women in green." In response to the *Bitzelem* human rights organization, they have now formed the *Bitzedek* movement. If Peace Now used to bewail the deaths of so many young Israeli soldiers in the futile Lebanon war, the right wing are now able to play the callous numbers game and blame the Israeli government for the fatalities caused by the Islamic fundamentalist terrorist groups. Not only is this erroneous in its interpretation, but it is a crude use of the lives and deaths of Israeli citizens to score a few political points.

How well we would do to echo the sentiments of the courageous parents of the young American girl who was murdered by the Islamic terrorists. They refused to let her funeral be turned into a demonstration of anti-government rhetoric by the local right-wing adherents, preferring instead to restate their faith in the policies of a democratically elected government, regardless of whether those particular policies were compatible with their own personal views concerning the current political situation.

Go to many of the Orthodox synagogues in North America and try and hear something good or positive about Israel, its economic development and growth, its continued absorbtion of immigrants, the massive infrastructural and housing construction which is going on under the present government, and you would feel that you have entered the wrong building. The notice boards are full of selective information on everything negative in Israel, the *divrei torah* are full of venom for the Israeli government and the list of speakers and their topics for the coming month are no more than a concerted attempt at delegitimizing the government of the State of Israel. The government is "anti-Jewish" (as though the Likud party and its leaders, with the single and notable exception of Menachem Begin, were any closer to religious and traditional values than the Labor party); it lacks Zionist ideals and values (of course, they know the true meaning of Zionism better than those who fought for the establishment and security of the State of Israel); and it "discriminates" against Jewish residents of the West Bank (they now are subject to the same criteria and conditions as every other committed settler in the Galilee and Negev, instead of continuing to receive preferential treatment in the form of cheap land and tax benefits).

Crude use of the deaths of citizens

When openly challenged with this example of disloyalty to Israel, the right-wing opponents of the peace process have two answers.

The first is that we would never have dared to criticise the Israeli government in the past, but Peace Now led the way by breaking the concensus by which Diaspora Jewry were traditionally unanimous in their support for the Israeli government. If they could do it, so can we — and we, by the way, do it much more successfully.

The second answer is a self-righteous one. We criticize the Israeli government out of "our love for Israel and Zionism." After all, "we are true patriots, the left wing are traitors." We desire the welfare and safety of Israeli citizens and we are worried that the policies of the Israeli government will not bring this about. After all, we are the "flagbearers of pioneering Zionism today — the rest of the country no longer shares these same values."

As one proponent of the Greater Israel cause said, "only we [the religious right] know the meaning of the phrase 'to be a free people,' when we sing *Hatikvah*. The rest of the country have forgotten its meaning."

Not only is this argument erroneous, it is self-righteous in the extreme. The 70 per cent of the Israeli populace who are secular, who build industries, who serve in the army, who live in the Galil, the Negev (the true peripheries of the country), North Tel Aviv and Herzliyah, continue to be the pil-

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Proposed guidelines

Do Jews living in the Diaspora have the moral right to participate in decisions made by the state of Israel? To be bothered at all with this familiar yet pertinent question is to sense a degree of responsibility as a member of the Jewish people, to feel bound by an implicit social contract whose terms may not always be clear.

By Hillel Neuer

Two central principles may be said to stand opposed to one another. The first argues that the Jewish people are one, that Israel is a Jewish state and the homeland for the Jewish nation; and, accordingly, that all Jews wherever they may reside can participate in navigating Israel's future. Indeed, one could go further and contend that such participation may be regarded as a welcome and healthy sign of Jewish commitment, perhaps even a duty.

The second key principle asserts that those who do not stand to suffer the effects of decisions should not be involved in making them. The Jew in Israel, if a decision is bad, stands to be hit with stones, Scuds or Katyushas. The Jew residing in Willowdale or Westmount knows nothing of such risks. As Montreal's Rabbi Reuben Poupko has said of the immense sacrifices made by Jews in Israel, we in the Diaspora but stand in their shadow. In this sense, telling our Israeli cousins what to do is the zenith of chutzpah.

It is somewhat ironic, then, that recent history has as often as not witnessed Israelis stressing the first principle and Diaspora Jews the second. The lesson is that we in the Diaspora should not necessarily look to Israelis — many of whom may be acting out of partisan interests — to solve our moral dilemma. We ourselves must determine when we are acting as legitimately-concerned Jews, and when as arrogant armchair-generals.

During the Likud era, when media coverage and international opinion seemed to conspire in portraying Israel as the villain in Lebanon or the territories, certain Jews in the Diaspora — from Jewish organizations or from the media — felt compelled to express their dissent with Israeli policy and were actively encouraged by left-wingers from Israel. Yet to the right in both Israel and especially America, such statements were condemned as immoral, anti-Israel, sometimes even as anti-Semitic.

Suddenly, in 1995, the shoe is on the other foot. Elements of America's right are now socking it to the Israeli government, literally and figuratively. And Israel's current opposition — yesterday's government — gives its blessing to the dissent.

Whereas Likudniks once rightly decried Peace Now Americans for urging Bush and Baker to strong-arm Israel, they now collaborate with groups like the Zionist Organization of America in lobbying Washington to block Israeli policies regarding withdrawal from the Golan or aid to the PLO.

To his credit, Norman Podhoretz, intellectual father of the American Jewish right and outgoing editor of *Commentary*, recognized in an April 1993 essay the apparent hypocrisy of criticizing the Rabin government when he and others had long denounced Jewish critics of Israel.

But, unlike the left, Podhoretz argued, the right's criticism did not weaken but rather strengthened Israel's bargaining position. It never accused Israel of being immoral, and thus could not be considered as "joining the jackals." Moreover, it would neither effect a weakening of U.S. support for Israel nor provide cover for anti-Semites. Therefore, despite some "moral qualms," Podhoretz felt he could with a clear conscience and without acting inconsistently tell the democratically elected government of Israel they were messing up.

For many, though, all of this amounted to no more than a poor justification for declaring that, on Israel, "only the right has the right to write." And no matter how appealing the rationalizations, such a proposition is patently unacceptable.

For one thing, following Israel's signing of the Oslo accord, the bargaining-booster arguments no longer applies — that is, one cannot really claim to be strengthening positions already conceded.

Second, Podhoretz et al. have been proven wrong because those on the right now also hurl the immorality accusation — albeit of their own variety — against the Israeli government, referring either to the surrender of parts of the Land of Israel or to shaking hands with the likes of PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

Finally, the right's logic fails where it suggests rightist critics need not worry their remarks will lend comfort to Israel's enemies. Yes, Amos Oz and others on the left engaged in the most spurious of politics when they smeared the Likud as somehow similar to Hamas. But if one adheres to the doctrine that any Jew advocating territorial or other concessions is somehow tainted because this would please the enemies of Is-

'Only the Right has the right'

rael, it must also be true that calling for an end to the peace process is equally illegitimate, as this would thrill Muslim militants.

Now it is entirely understandable that many Jews devoted to Israel will feel their patience pushed to the limit when certain Israeli ministers provocatively attack established principles of faith in Zionism or Judaism.

Still, they would prove themselves most honorable by respecting some version of the following guidelines: no Rabin-bashing outside a Jewish forum; no appeal to foreign governments as a means of circumventing Jewish or Israeli democratic institutions; no lecturing Israelis on how to be better Zionists without absorbing a good dose of humility beforehand.

This ethic would be most relevant concerning Jewish organizations, and should include most security-related issues. Applying this to journalists, however, would probably be an exercise in futility.

Yet to the extent that some pundits want to consider themselves Jewishly-responsible, they might, for example, refrain from urging the U.S. government to frustrate Jerusalem's plans. (The disingenuous argument that such advocacy is done either "as Americans" or "solely out of concern for U.S. interests" is fooling nobody.)

As explosive issues such as Hebron and Jerusalem wait their turn on the agenda, the Diaspora must do its part to ensure the Jewish debate be marked by basic civility and mutual respect.

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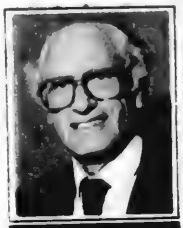
Opinions

Berlin synagogue is dedicated

A synagogue in Berlin recently captured the attention of the news media both in Germany and beyond. In 1866, 129 years ago (five years before the founding of a unified German Reich), a house of worship, dubbed "the New Synagogue," was dedicated and thereby marked the official recognition that Jews were a legitimate part of the city's population. Up till then, while synagogue buildings were allowed, they could be no taller than the two floors of ordinary dwellings and were usually built away from public view behind tall gates and courtyards, so that one could walk through the streets without knowing that a synagogue was housed anywhere in the neighborhood.



By Rabbi Gabriel P...

But in 1866, the New Synagogue was permitted to have public exposure and its architects did everything to take advantage of the permission. The edifice became a landmark in Berlin; a golden cupola crowned its majestic structure and amidst all the many synagogues of Berlin it remained the most visible and important. Appropriately, Rabbi Leo Baeck preached there.

This very symbol of pride in our religion should have been the first victim of Kristallnacht, on November 9-10, 1938, when 1,100 houses of worship were put to the torch in Germany. The New Synagogue was a prime target of the Nazis; yet the head of the local police office summoned the fire department and insisted that the synagogue, which was already burning, be saved and the fire be extinguished. This courageous act saved the synagogue from the Nazis, but it could not save it after war had broken out and the Allies began to bomb the German capital. In 1943, the synagogue was destroyed, its cupola disappeared along with its many rooms and halls, its library and its 3,200 seats that had so often been filled to the last place.

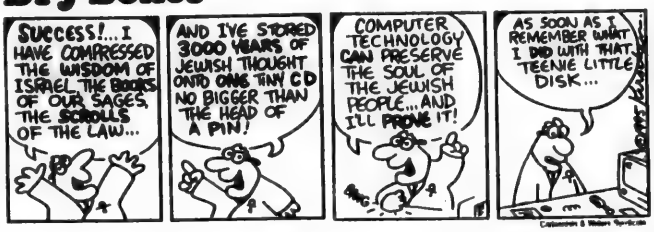
After the war, when the Communists ruled the eastern part of the city, hardly any Jews came back to live under a repressive anti-religious regime. Still, the authorities wanted to show that anti-Semitism was no longer the agenda of their country; so they began the restoration. But only after the city was unified once again did the work progress seriously.

The rededication of the synagogue took place a few weeks ago, in the presence of German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and Israeli representatives, as well as former Berlin Jews who had been invited from all over the world. I could not attend, but I had seen the restoration not long before. The facade is as it has always been, with the golden cupola rising proudly into the sky. The building stands at the very centre of the city and dominates the skyline. The morning and evening sun reflecting on its huge dome inevitably draws the eye.

But the synagogue is not really a synagogue; it is primarily a facade and a symbol. Only a few offices and meeting rooms and the Centrum Judaicam are found behind it. Yet the symbol is important because of the structure's dominance. Over the gates are inscribed the words of Isaiah: "Let a righteous nation enter, a nation that keeps the faith."

For the time being, so the news releases indicate, the synagogue will not be completed but will remain a partial ruin, in order to symbolize the gaping wound that was left when Berlin Jewry was destroyed. No one can tell when this wound will heal, if ever.

Dry Bones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Power of the tongue

In Judaism, the tongue is mightier than the sword. God created the world through words. The mystics taught that worlds can be created by our words.

Joan M. Gerber

Words can also destroy. Even to speak words that bring a blush to the cheek of a person is considered by the rabbis as equivalent to murder.

So it is no surprise that Jews are very careful to examine the words of their friends as well as those of their enemies.

And we have endured a barrage of words from those for whom hatred of others is an all-consuming passion.

Canada's home-grown haters have had not only their day in court but millions of words about and by them, with little sign that they will be silent. But maybe that doesn't count, since they have not raised a hand against us. They have, however, begun to dehumanize us by naming us as the enemy, as the "other," the one who is not quite human — a technique has allowed others to kill us.

The ultra-right shares our respect for words. Hatred and slander of Israel and Jews are taken very seriously by both groups. Right-wing radio is a perfect example. Tune in to any one of the talk shows that open air time to hatred, and we hear the power that words have to wound our feelings.

Until Oklahoma City, that seemed to be all they hurt. Oh, here were some unpleasant exceptions — shoot-outs with a few gun-toting extremists. And the murder of Alan Berg — but maybe that didn't count either.

Now I think it counts.

In 1864, when a mode of governance was crafted for Canada, its creators looked south to bruised Civil War America and decided they didn't like what they saw; Canada would avoid the pitfalls of the wrong balance between state and federal authority. (I leave it to the reader to decide whether Canada has been successful in this regard.) Canada has once again the opportunity now to do things differently from its American cousin.

Let me be clear. I do not propose gag laws, thought police or muzzling of opinion in the free exchange of ideas. I do suggest this:

- That we no longer accept in silence the hatred of a newspaper columnist, talk-show host or guest or local clone of the white supremacist movement. Jews in Canada have many avenues of protest. Let's use them all. To leave these words unchallenged is to give them validity in the minds of some, and lend power to their speakers.
- That we take back the airwaves and the printed word, rather than allowing them to be manipulated by the assassins of truth.
- That we no longer pander to right-wing Christian groups who appear to support Israel. That we take back our self-respect and pride. We have friends who respect Judaism; we do not need those who, in the end, despise it and anticipate its disappearance.
- That we continue to use the legal remedies that, poor as they are, protect us against words. We do not have to let speech that undermines our freedom go unchallenged.
- That, if the present remedies are insufficient, we press for legal ones that are more powerful. The courts are there for our protection. Once we give up on them, we run the risk of being in the same place as the United States, where courts are held in contempt, where the legitimacy of the government to protect the innocent is under attack from both the governing themselves and those who would destroy our government.

The merits of revisiting the past

Montreal lawyer Julius Grey, speaking to a small group of students at a community college during a CEGEP Holcaust Symposium, precipitated a storm of controversy when he criticized The March of the Living and suggested that Israeli and other Jewish leaders were exploiting the Holocaust and fear of anti-Semitism to keep Jews in the fold.

By Arnold Ages

Commemorating the victims of the Holocaust and visiting the death camps are not exploitation. Yosef Yerushalmi points out in his book *Zakhor* that in times past, Jews memorialized martyrs by eulogizing them in the prayer liturgy and in various hymns. Thus the Crusades (the 1,000th anniversary of which will be commemorated later this year) gave birth to a library of Hebrew religious poetry recording the Jewish disasters which flowed from the murderous path taken by the Crusaders in their quest to rid the Holy Land of the "infidels."

Our generation, still reeling from the numbing effects of the greatest catastrophe to befall Judaism in all its millenia of history, is struggling to find the proper medium through which to express the inexpressible sense of tragedy and loss. Our composers, poets, writers and liturgy specialists have not yet found the appropriate idiom — as our medieval sages did — to fix forever in the historical consciousness of the Jewish people the pangs of despair and loss which hover over the spectre of the Holocaust.

Half a century after that event the Jewish community is trying, however imperfectly, through the construction of museums, monuments, educational facilities and visits to Auschwitz and other death camp sites, to reach out for a language that will communicate to the next generation what a previous one experienced. George Steiner put it succinctly when he wrote that to have been born a Jew in the 1930s in Europe "was to receive a sentence of death." Each generation has its own way of recording the impact of that kind of statement.

Viewpoint representative of tiny constituency

The critical viewpoint expressed by the Montreal lawyer is representative of a tiny constituency in the Jewish community and it is a view, ironically, which comes at a time when others, especially young Germans are beginning to grasp for the first time the magnitude of the crime committed against Jews during the Holocaust. Björn Krondorfer, a German specialist in religious studies, has recently completed a lengthy study of the "third generation," the grandchildren of those Germans who participated in World War II.

Krondorfer notes that the first generation, for reasons that were obvious, cast a pall of silence over its role during the Third Reich. The second generation grew up during Germany's *wirtschaftswunder* — the economic miracle which propelled the country to prosperity from the 1960s to the 1990s. This generation was deprived, with rare exception, of information about the Holocaust.

Now the third generation of German youth is beginning, in an unprecedented way, to question grandparents and parents about gaps in the collective memory of the German people. This generation agrees with Lawrence Langer's characterization that "the Holocaust theatens to be a permanent hole in the ozone layer of history."

One of the ways the third generation has begun groping with their unremembered past is through travel to concentration camp sites and meetings with Jewish groups in Europe, the United States and Israel. Dialogues between German and Jewish youth have been remarkably frank and the task of reconciliation, a delicate exercise, has been nurtured through these talks. Encounters with knowledgeable Jewish students in those areas have helped fill out some of the information gaps experienced by the German students, but what has often shaken the third generation is the utter normalcy of their Jewish contacts.

Fifty years after the liberation of the concentration camps, a story which has been retold many times in the past two decades is now beginning to penetrate the consciousness of the third generation of Germans. Jews have the obligation to work with this generation so that the horrors of the Holocaust never recur.

Features

The saga of Yosef Burg

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

"I did not parachute into politics," mused Josef Burg. "I grew into it."

In this succinct phrase, Burg — one of the paramount figures of the religious Zionist movement — aptly describes a career that few politicians will ever match.

Now 86, Burg was born in Dresden, the scion of an East Galicianer who immigrated to Germany in 1902. Armed with a University of Leipzig doctorate in philosophy, Burg plunged into Zionist politics, becoming a member of the Zionist Action Committee of the World Zionist Organization.

In 1938, the year of Kristallnacht, Burg graduated from the Berlin Rabbinic Seminary as an ordained rabbi. He left Germany in 1939, bound for Palestine. In succession, he was a research fellow at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and a teacher at the Herzlia gymnasium in Tel Aviv. With the war over, he helped Jewish refugees, working out of an office in Paris.

Elected to the first Knesset in 1949 as a representative of the National Religious Party (NRP), Burg was named deputy speaker of the house in the same year. When he relinquished the post in 1951, he joined the cabinet, serving uninterruptedly until 1986. He held portfolios in health, posts, welfare, interior, police and religious affairs.

In addition, from 1970, Burg headed the NRP list in the Knesset. And from 1979 to 1982, he was chair of the cabinet committee monitoring Palestinian autonomy negotiations. He gave up his Knesset seat in 1988. "I decided, after 40 years, that it was time to hand over the helm to younger people."

A restless individual, Burg was not content to fade away.

Apart from being president of the World Mizrachi Movement, Burg is chair of Yad Vashem's international committee. He also sits on the board of Bar-Ilan University and the Leo Baeck Institute and broadcasts weekly lectures on the Bible on Israeli radio.

Reflecting on his present status, Burg observed: "Now I'm an 'elder statesman,' and I feel quite good in this role. A lot of things occupy me."

Burg, whose son Avraham was recently elected chair of the Jewish Agency, is a rotund, bright-eyed man given to peppering his fairly fluent English with Yiddish words and phrases. Though not physically robust, he is mentally alert.

"According to my years, I am not in bad health," he said the other afternoon in an interview in Toronto. "But I'm at an age where every day is a present from God."

Looking back, Burg believes the highlights of his political career were directing the autonomy talks, meeting with a pantheon of U.S. presidents, developing a Postal Bank, improving social services, consolidating religious education and heightening awareness of ecology.

The autonomy negotiations, an outgrowth of the 1978 Camp David Accord, ultimately broke down. But Burg is convinced they were useful because they fostered dialogue between Israel and Egypt.

"Golda Meir used to say, 'If the Arabs are not ready to talk with us about peace, how can we believe they'll be ready to live with us in peace.' "

Burg glosses over his setbacks, but voices regret that the NRP did not join the Labor government, headed by Yitzhak Rabin, in July 1992. "Without the participation of the NRP, a constructive Zionist element is missing from the equation. It's bad for the state. Our presence in the government could have diminished the process of giving up certain territories in Eretz Yisrael."

Burg is critical of Prime Minister Rabin's strategy in the peace talks. "The government gave up too much too soon. There has to be a certain correlation between what you give and what you receive. At the moment, the balance is loaded in favor of the Arabs." In his view, the Oslo peace process is "nisht a glick."

Unlike the majority of right-wing Israeli politicians, Burg has no theoretical objection to PLO involvement in the negotiations. "In 1980, I said publicly I would be prepared to have talks with the PLO under two conditions: If it renounced its national covenant [which calls for Israel's destruction], and if two years went by without terrorism and I was convinced that [Yasser] Arafat could deliver the goods. These conditions are not fulfilled until today."

Convinced that the PLO is not fully in compliance with the 1993 Declaration of Principles, Burg believes the government should draw up a list of "what was agreed and what was implemented."

Perhaps then, he suggested, the talks with the Palestinians will be reconstituted on a new basis. But is there an alternative to the Oslo process? "There is no clear answer at this moment because of too many cooks in the kitchen."

Yosef Burg (right) seen with Mustafa Kahlil at the autonomy talks.

Turning to a related topic, he expressed confidence that a national unity government would better serve Israel's interests at the negotiating table.

Although Burg accepts "the need for small [territorial] corrections" as part of an overall settlement with the Arabs, he steadfastly feels that the Jewish settlements across the Green Line should retain their "rights and security under Israeli rulership."

He opposes the annexation of the West Bank, but is doubtful that a Palestinian state would be in Israel's interests. A Swiss canton system may be the solution, he noted.

Israeli control over Jerusalem is non-negotiable. "Jerusalem was *never* the capital of an Arab state. *Never*. I told President [Jimmy] Carter that the word 'Yerushalayim' appears in our Bible several hundred times, and not once in the Koran."

The Golan Heights, he added, should remain in Israel's hands. Suggestions that it may be traded for peace with Syria are "unwise and dangerous."

The subject animates him. "There cannot be any talk of giving up the Golan. This is territory that protects all of Israel." Besides, he said, "I have no reason to trust [Hafez] al-Assad," the president of Syria.

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As the longest-serving cabinet minister in Israel's history, Burg is well qualified to comment on related political issues.

•He opposed Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, being of the opinion that it could turn into a quagmire. Massive shelling and bombing of PLO bases would have been sufficient, he said.

•Menachem Begin was an "excellent" prime minister in his "first years." Burg declined to elaborate.

•He rejected Begin's offer of Israel's presidency because he wanted to devote all his efforts to the "national religious idea."

•Unlike Begin, he supported the idea that Israel should establish diplomatic relations with Germany 30 years ago. As he put it: "There is no Europe without Germany and no world without Europe."

Burg, who has returned to Germany several times since the war, went back to Dresden — his hometown — in the late 1980s and found that his old home had been destroyed by Allied bombing raids in February 1945.

He has fairly positive memories of pre-Nazi, Weimar Germany. "I accept what Martin Buber said: In all our wanderings, there was never so much in common as between Jewish and German culture. But as a national religious Jew, I knew the good times couldn't continue to eternity."

Burg's father, Abraham — a Mizrachi activist who died in 1937 — was naively convinced that Hitler wouldn't make good on his anti-Jewish rantings. Burg wasn't so sure, and in the aftermath of Kristallnacht, he concluded that German Jewry had no future.

Nevertheless, Burg stayed on longer than he wished, partly because of his desire to be with his mother, and partly because of his involvement with Youth Aliyah in spiriting out Jews from Germany.

Burg's mother would not or could not leave Germany in 1939 when he did, and she eventually perished in the Theresienstadt concentration camp. The Holocaust also claimed his grandmother, an uncle and a cousin.

Despite the personal losses he suffered, Burg believes that German-Jewish reconciliation is unavoidable. "You are not allowed to forget," he said, referring to the Holocaust. "But you are commanded to build bridges to the future."

Jewish World
By Sheldon Kirshner

Viva Mexico

The Jewish community in Mexico as we know it today was formed in the 1920s and 1930s, when young, footloose immigrants from Eastern Europe and the Middle East settled there.

These adventurers found work, married, raised families and established synagogues and institutions, laying the foundation of Mexico's modern Jewish community.

Jews had previously lived in Mexico, but in small numbers, and, prior to Mexican independence, as Marranos.

The newcomers were not necessarily drawn to Mexico per se. Many would have preferred the United States, Canada or Australia, but xenophobic immigration restrictions and other obstacles kept them out. I learned from watching *A Kiss To This Land*, Daniel Goldberg's interesting documentary at the recent Toronto Jewish Film Festival.

Goldberg lets the immigrants, now old-timers, explain why they left their countries of origin. Boiled down to its bare essentials, they chose Mexico because they were in search of a better life. At home, opportunities were limited by economic underdevelopment and by the scourge of anti-Semitism. And since Mexico had liberal immigration laws, Jews regarded it as a hospitable haven.

The immigrants arrived by ship, disembarking in the steamy port of Veracruz. They had to contend with seasickness and other hazards. At a stopover in Cuba, one man took ill and was rushed to hospital after devouring two whole pineapples. Once on shore, they had to be vigilant. One newcomer was robbed. Fortunately, he had already purchased his train ticket to Mexico City, his final destination.

Possessing no trades or professions, they toiled as peddlars and salesmen, often moving around the country. One man, a Syrian from Aleppo, worked in all 32 Mexican states before opening a shop in Mexico City. Another, a Socialist, discovered he couldn't support his family as a simple worker and, somewhat apologetically, turned to business.

Marriage, we're told, was a decisive and stabilizing factor in their lives. Once they had children, they could claim Mexican citizenship.

Anti-Semitism is hardly an issue in the film, though hoary myths about Jews die hard. One merchant, for example, allowed several Mexican women to feel his head to assure them he had no horns!

The Holocaust destroyed the bridge to their past, at least in the case of the Polish, Russian and Ukrainian Jews. The parents, relatives and friends they had left behind were dead.

The end of World War II ushered in a new era. The "greeners" prospered, while their offspring went to university and expanded their horizons. Of course, not everyone met with success. In frustration, a Yiddish actor abandoned acting. A pensioner lost his savings after the devaluation of the peso. But on balance, the newcomers improved their lives in Mexico.

Jewish Life

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By RABBI MICHAEL WOLFF

While visiting a patient at a long-term care hospital unit recently, I gave the man a milk bar. The patient might not have understood the religious significance of the gift but it is there. To fulfil the mitzvah of *bikur cholim* (visiting the sick), one must make the person feel better. If a bar of chocolate (with the nurse's permission of course) is better than a conversation with the rabbi, then the mitzvah of caring is there.

In April, I went to the *brit milah* of my nephew. My brother said that even though he is not observant and does not understand the significance of the ritual of circumcision, nevertheless his son would have a proper *brit*. The action of showing one's faith, one's identity was most important. The action of *brit milah* was fulfilled.

At the Canadian Jewish Congress plenary, Edgar Bronfman, the president of the World Jewish Congress, said he is now attending a regular class in Talmud. Bronfman is studying the tractate of *Baba Metzia* which, in part, delineates Jewish law as regards to returning or claiming lost objects. Bronfman expressed his fascination with the concept of how Torah law can permeate every physical aspect of life, even business affairs. He said he takes his class seriously.

Whether one performs an act of kindness or a life cycle ritual, or one simply sits and learns Torah regularly, the expression of one's Jewishness is there, but the measurement of the expression is in the action. One must do a clear, physically verifiable, deed. The action must be seen. One cannot promise the chocolate and not give it, nor say that one will study and not sit down, book in hand. Judaism is not based on intention but on action, doing.

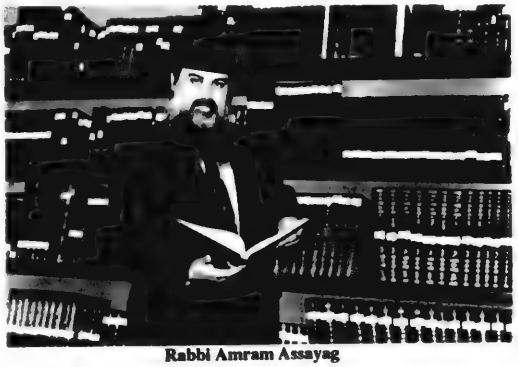
Judaism has a concept of making a *Brachah* on an action. Jewish law requires us to move directly from blessing into fulfilling. When one makes a blessing on an action like lighting candles or eating bread or studying Torah, one must move immediately to the action of lighting, eating or learning. Failure to do so is called a waste of a *Brachah*. It is considered taking G-d's name in vain.

Whatever we do, we should be conscious that it is our actions which have a Jewish significance. The action can be small. The action can be special, a once in a lifetime event. The action can be intellectual. Whatever it is, when we do the action we proclaim our Jewishness. The key to one's identification as a Jew is to remember to do things which are Jewish. Jewish continuity is based not on intent but on action.

Rabbi Michael Wolff is the coordinator of FEDERATION CJA's Chaplaincy Services in Montreal.

Beth Sepharad a centre for Sephardi culture

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter


Rabbi Amram Assayag

TORONTO — Works by the great Sephardi scholars past and present are a major part of a new library opened recently at Beth Sepharad.

Beth Sepharad is a synagogue and centre for Sephardi life in the Main Exchange Plaza at Bathurst Street and Steeles Avenue in Thornhill.

The library is associated with Medrash Torah Vehayim, the Sephardic Institute of Torah Study.

Rabbi Amram Assayag, spiritual leader of Petah Tikvah congregation, is the enthusiastic creator, organizer and developer of the library.

He told *The CJN* he has built the collection with the help of the Sephardic Library in Jerusalem, which has helped him find rare works by Sephardi masters.

Some, he said, were only printed once and might only be found in homes of an author's relatives.

Rabbi Assayag said he wants to include works on Torah subjects from every Sephardi community, including Morocco, Algiers, Turkey, Greece, Gibraltar and the Middle East, as well as less well known communities in England, Amsterdam and the former Yugoslavia.

One book, *V'yomer Itzhak*, is by Itzhak Ben Walid, a Tangiers rabbi of 130 years ago. The first time it was reprinted was 15 years ago, Rabbi Assayag said.

Another was published 41 years ago but never reprinted. While the rabbi is trying to complete sets of all the books, he sometimes has to make up complete sets from different editions.

One of his favorites is by Rabbi Massas, chief rabbi of Algiers, Morocco and finally Haifa. This unique book on the laws of divorce, which is used extensively by rabbinic courts dealing with the subject, is reprinted in Rabbi Massas' own handwriting.

"Many are rare books that you won't find anywhere else," Rabbi Assayag said.

The library also includes modern and widely known Torah works. "People sometimes forget that universally accepted halachic scholars like Rambam (Maimonides) were Sephardim," he pointed out.

Besides adding to the collection ("I have a long list that I am looking for"), he plans to make a catalogue of the collection, which will include a biography of the authors.

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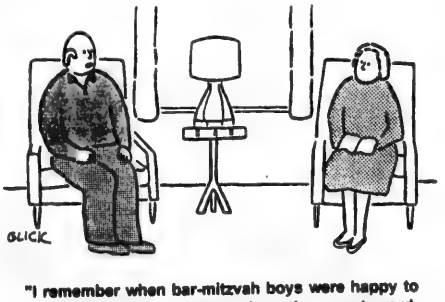

"I remember when bar-mitzvah boys were happy to get fountain pens. These days they want word-processing computers and laser printers!"

Jewish Life

The Great Beginning

By MICHAEL LEBOVIC

Every day we hear about peace, with a capital P. There is Pax Americana, land for peace, peace in our time. There are peace talks, peace conferences, the peace process, peace negotiations and my favorite, the peace summit. That's where they all take climbing gear.

GUEST VOICES

Peace is such a great little word, so satisfyingly altruistic. No wonder it's always been so popular. I mean, where would the '60s have been without it? It molded an entire generation. Can you imagine, "All we are saying is give business or government or investment a chance." I don't think so. Would Bob Dylan have made it without it? Not with that voice.

Peace is a word for all ages, and the '90s are as good an age as any.

As we all know, the media is full of it, the word peace, I mean. Usually it's found in a story about, well, war. Or as it's now called, an episode, an occurrence, a development. Someone is usually shooting or bombing the heck out of some other group, preferably a neighboring minority or nation. This way they can kill and maim without all that G-d awful travelling and be back home in time for supper. A quick look at the TV to catch themselves on the news and then straight to bed so they can wake refreshed for the next day's maiming.

Can you fill us in on what's happening, the TV interviewers ask.

"Well, I don't want to boast, but we're kicking the $&@& out of them, the reason being our desire for peace, of course. And, hey! I had first dibs on that Mercedes! Uh, would you mind holding this ammo belt. BLAM! Got him! Where were we? Oh yeah, peace. As you can see we live for it. It's people, that's what's important"

But you've just spent the last four hours shooting at people?

"Yeah, well I didn't mean those people. Besides, as soon as we're finished we're gonna build hospitals, schools, nurseries and supermarkets. You know, when the smoke clears, you can see all the way to where the city used to be. Kinda peaceful, ain't it?"

Now I would humbly submit this is not the peace we all long for. It's not even the kind of universal peace and love that beauty pageant contestants everywhere promise to bring us — peace through excellence in fashion and good dentistry.

What we're really asking for is peace between individuals, between plain, unarmed, civilized, cellular phone-packing, carpooling folk. Wouldn't that be something? We could call it The Great Beginning. It sounds so noble, I can actually feel my eyes getting misty.

What, you may ask, got a laidback type like me onto this. Well I'll tell you. I was in the supermarket the other day (attention all chain stores, your name here for just $250) and I ran into this couple I know rather casually. Truth be known, I had no desire to intensify our "relationship." I was bearing down on them cart in hand, greeting in throat, then they just gave me the chin. You know what I mean, the bop of the head that says, "Sorry, we only have nods for you.".

I was miffed. Of all the insults, to be snubbed by people I didn't even want to talk to! I'd never talk to them again. I was so furious I forgot to fill up on my snackpacks.

By the time I got into my car I had really worked myself up. I felt wounded; that's the last time I would ever stick my neck out to be nice.

When I sat down to read the paper that evening it struck me how we all want world peace, but not in my backyard, with my neighbors. We don't want to get involved. That's what G-d and the United Nations, *lehavdil*, are there for.

Nu, how are we going to build this better world we're always talking about when we're afraid to put ourselves out even on the most elementary level? I suspect that while I'm agonizing over why G-d doesn't do more for peace, he's probably wondering the same about me.

Michael Lebovic is an actor, Yiddishist and freelance writer living in Toronto.

Limits of Diaspora criticism

[Cont'd. from page 9]

lars around which Isreli society is developing and growing. They may not share the same religious values that I or the religious right have, but in the past we sought ways to build and create together, not to exclude and delegitimize the very groups who founded the State, and from which we all, right wing and left, religious and secular continue to benefit and be proud of.

For its part, the left wing and the supporters of the peace process seem to have lost their voices. They seem unable to respond. Is it because there really is no response? Or perhaps, as is often the case, they sit back with the false security of knowing that, for the present, the government represents their views rather than those of the opposition. If so, it is a mistaken assumption. The Diaspora Jewish community requires assurance. It does need convincing of the importance of continuing with a peace process which is so fraught with obstacles and which so far has been associated with increasing fundamentalism and terror. True, the Israeli government will go ahead with its policies with or without the support of the Diaspora (and this is true of any Israeli government, right or left), but it can ill afford to create a fragmentation to a degree which will make it difficult to heal in the future. Between them, the Israeli government's failure to answer the call of assurance, and the right-wing's continual criticism and sniping at just about anything which happens in Israel, they are succeeding in causing a major rift between Israel and the Diaspora, and within the Diaspora community itself.

Is it true that the right wing are more committed to Israel? That they feel closer to daily events there, that they send more of their children to study, and even live, in Israel? If that is the case, then it is time for other groups to demonstrate their equal commitment to, and love for, Israel. It is time to get up and stop being part of a silent majority/minority. But at the same time, the tone of the debate in the Diaspora needs to be lowered, with the more vociferous and vehement part of the debate being left for the citizens of Israel themselves. It is time to return to supporting the basic existence of the State of Israel.

Dr. David Newman, from Ben-Gurion University in the Negev, has spent two years as a Canada-Israel Academic Exchange Fellow at Canadian universities. During 1993/94, he was visiting professor of geography at the University of Calgary, and during 1994/95, he was visiting professor of political science at York University.

Students greet olim

LOD, Israel — Two busloads of Canadian university students greeted a planeload of new immigrants at Ben Gurion Airport last week.

For the students, it was the end of a United Israel Appeal (UIA)-sponsored mission, Anguish to Hope, that took the Canadians to the Czech Republic, Poland, Jordan and Israel.

For the 154 new immigrants from Tashkent, Bukhara, Samarkand and other eastern republics of the former Soviet Union, it was the start of new lives in Israel. Most will go to the homes of relatives and friends who preceded them here, to begin the "direct absorption" process. The others will be brought to Absorption Centres.

During the mission, the students, from 25 Canadian colleges and universities, had a first-hand opportunity to examine the current status of the peace process.

In addition to greeting the country's newest immigrants, the students visited Canada Centre, a landmark recreational facility in Metulla on Israel's northern frontier, and the Canadian Project Renewal communities of Eilat and Beersheva.

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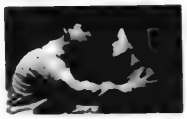

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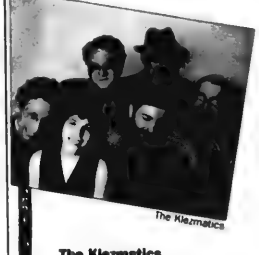

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From coast to coast

Durham shul marks first year

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Reform B'nai Shalom V'Tikvah congregation of Durham Region is one year old this week, and birthday celebrations will take place in the United church that will likely house future services.

The 40-family congregation serves the bedroom communities of Ajax, Whitby and Pickering.

Most of the membership is made up of young families tired of the trek into Toronto for religious life, said congregation president and 11-year Ajax resident Harley Saltzman.

"The comment I'm constantly getting is 'I never knew there was something [Jewish] out there,' " Saltzman said.

The shul runs a school for 33 students between kindergarten and bar/bat mitzvah age, offers monthly Shabbat services with a visiting rabbi, and High Holiday services.

The synagogue hopes its programs and services, which until now have been held in various public institutions, will in future be held at St. Paul's United Church.

"We're the church with the open arms," said Karen Smart, assistant to the minister, in explaining why the church decided to rent its facilities for the birthday celebrations and the coming High Holidays.

Growing together

"We're growing together, to see if we can work together."

The church, under Rev. Glenn Jackson, also rents space to a Coptic Church for weekly services.

Sharon Ventura, the synagogue's social chair, said the 270-seat sanctuary is "very conducive" to services and nearly empty of Christian symbols. The sole crucifix will be covered with a backdrop during shul services, at the church's suggestion.

Dispute with Citizen settled

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — The Ottawa Jewish Community Council has settled a dispute with the *Ottawa Citizen* over the paper's suggestion that the local Jewish community had *The Merchant of Venice* dropped from high-school courses.

The newspaper has agreed to print a correction to a controversial May 1994 op-ed piece and to meet with community leaders about newspaper items local Jews have found biased or offensive. In turn, the council dropped its complaint with the Ontario Press Council.

The op-ed piece suggested the council had pressured the Ottawa Board of Education to drop Shakespeare's play from the curriculum entirely. The council says it asked the board that the play, which contains anti-Semitic stereotyping in the title character of Shylock, be removed from the Grade 9 curriculum and confined to older students.

Stan Urman, executive director of the council, said the resolution was part of an effort to improve a historically tense relationship with the *Citizen*.

Citizen editor Jim Travers said his meeting with Jewish community leaders was an eye opener and a classic case of people seeing things in different ways.

"I think we are beginning to see each other's point of view," he said. "Things that we hadn't seen as offensive had been offensive. There is a heightened sensitivity on the part of the *Citizen* and a recognition on their [the Jewish community's] part that we didn't intend to offend and didn't see how it would be taken."

The newspaper has invited a delegation from the Jewish community to lead a training session with reporters and editors to heighten their sensitivity to Jewish concerns.

Relations between the two sides have warmed enough that Bernard Dolansky, now the council's past-president, has been invited to sit as a guest on the *Citizen's* editorial board for several weeks this summer.

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Christian-Jewish worship centre begun

WATERLOO — A groundbreaking ceremony was held here last week for the first Christian-Jewish worship centre in Canada.

The $1.34-million centre will be home to Westminster United Church and the Reform Temple Shalom when it is completed in early 1996.

The Cedars, as the centre is known, will include two sanctuaries, a nursery and a large community room. The 65-family Temple Shalom expects to use the smaller sanctuary, but the congregations will share worship space and other facilities as needed.

The twin-peaked roof was designed by Charles Simon. "It symbolizes two faiths in one shared space: one God, one idea," said Rick Chambers, co-chair of the design committee.

Representatives of the two congregations worked together for the past two years. "As far as we know, it's the first time in the world that a Jewish and Christian congregation have actually begun their relationship by designing a building together," said temple president Paul Kay.

The two congregations came together after a conversation between Waterloo neighbors Jim Robinson and Mark Pancer, past-president of Temple Shalom.

"When we realized that both congregations were looking for new, more permanent quarters, we said, 'Hey, maybe we can do something together!' " said Robinson, then chair of the church's building committee.

Westminster has been holding services at area schools after they grew out of the present building on the site. Temple Shalom has rented space from the Church of the Good Shepherd in downtown Kitchener since 1987.

Westminster United will own The Cedars. Temple Shalom will hold a five-year lease, with an option to purchase half interest.

Winnipeg Jewish athletes honored

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Tennis champion Hart Pollock and soccer goalie Colin Berenhaut were presented with the Max Nusgart Memorial Award for Manitoba Jewish Athlete of the Year at the YMHA Jewish Community Centre's annual sports dinner earlier this month.

Pollock, 18, is ranked No. 1 in the province in his age group. Berenhaut, 16, was a member of this year's junior national soccer team.

Among the other nominees were 15-year-old judo star Olia Berger, swimmer David Freedman, 17, 19-year-old synchronized swimmer Allison Katz, basketball player Guy Kedem and 18-year-old decathlon champion Geoff Rosenbaum.

The dinner drew about 800 people and featured former NFL all-pro defensive tackle Art Donovan. Proceeds from the dinner go towards Y programs.

From coast to coast

Russian couples take 'giant step' under chupahs

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

VAUGHAN — It was mazel tov times 10 when 10 Russian couples, some married by civil law for over 20 years, were married simultaneously in a recent Jewish ceremony at Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue.

Over 1,000 people witnessed as the couples, denied a Jewish wedding ceremony in the former Soviet Union, stood outdoors under separate gold-trimmed chupahs, each attended by two rabbis.

Rabbi Yoseph Zaltzman, executive director of the Jewish Russian Community Centre and wedding host, said the couples taking part in the wedding ceremony "is a giant step towards Jewish tradition."

It is the fourth such wedding ceremony.

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Arkady and Diana Ulitsky said taking part in the ceremony "brings meaning and fulfillment to our marriage. Two of our three children, and our parents are here to witness this marriage and it brings happiness to us all. Coming together under the chupah brought Jewishness into our life together."

The wedding, coordinated by Arlene Weisbart, was also a fundraiser for the Jewish Russian Community Centre, which provides services and programs to the over 25,000 Russian Jews living in Toronto.

The other couples included Joseph and Luba Braverman, Michael and Sophia Dantzig, Alex and Kira Dukhovny, Boris and Violette Kartuz, Israel and Ida Landoi, Pavel and Berta Malinov, Pesach and Raisa Polevoy and Leois and Berta Schwarcer.

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Shaare Zedek Foundation to honor Rabbi Monson

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Rabbi David Monson

TORONTO — Rabbi David Monson, who has been dubbed "the people's rabbi," will be recognized for his lifelong commitment to Jewish and non-Jewish causes in Canada and in Israel.

He will be honored at a Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation reception on June 27 at the Beth Sholom Synagogue, where he was spiritual leader for 38 years.

The funds raised will go to the David and Sue Monson Department of Laboratory Medicine, Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem.

Born in Ottawa, Rabbi Monson attended the Rabbinical College of Montreal where he was ordained at the age of 22. In 1939, he became spiritual leader of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

He married Sue Strashin in 1941 and the following year joined the Canadian Armed Forces as an overseas chaplain.

Irving Ungerman, who is co-chair of the tribute committee with immigration lawyer Mendel Green, says he met Rabbi Monson in a military hospital in England after receiving a gunshot wound while in the air force.

When Rabbi Monson started Beth Sholom, the first in Toronto to be founded as a Conservative synagogue, Ungerman was one of the original members; he still is an active member.

The City of North York and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto have declared June 27 as Rabbi David Monson Day.

Rabbi Monson says his greatest joy is his family — his wife, daughter Judy and her husband Kenneth Waldman and their children, Beth, Monica and Stuart.

TV actor-director, Al Waxman will be the master of ceremonies at the tribute reception. For more information, call 416-781-3584.

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You may mail or deliver your photos to:
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The contest closes at 3 p.m. on August 18, 1995.

Prizes:
The judges will choose the three photographs which, in their opinion, are most evocative.

The winning submissions will be published in *The CJN* Rosh Hashanah issue. In addition, each of the winners will receive a cheque for $100.

We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only three will be selected as the winners. We will also select other photographs for publication as honorable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

How the winners will be notified:
Winning entrants will be notified by telephone before the start of the Shabbat on Friday, August 25.

When the prizes will be awarded:
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Permanent kosher kitchen

To better meet the needs of its ever-growing Jewish clientele, the management of Le Parc (headed by John Verdone and Italo Cellupica) has decided to install a permanent kosher kitchen on the premises. Functions will continue to be offered under strict supervision, with a mashgiach on the premises throughout the event.

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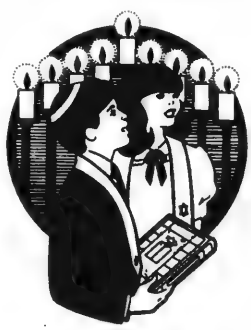

functions at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, the Century Plaza Hotel, and the Beverly Hills Hotel, among others. During this period he was also the exclusive kosher caterer at Beth Jacob Synagogue, L.A.'s largest orthodox congregation.

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Hebrew Culture Club lets students discuss issues

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It looks like a typical classroom, but the aroma of kosher pizza and *Murphy Brown* on the television quickly dispel the notion that this is an ordinary class.

In fact, it's the after-school Hebrew Culture Club at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute, first of its kind in Toronto and the prototype for six others in Canada — four in the Toronto area, one in Ottawa and one in Montreal.

The club at Mackenzie became a reality in January 1994, after Sarah Friedman, then a Grade 9 student, approached Glenn Black, regional director of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, to see if he would facilitate the group.

Friedman, an NCSY member, had participated in a similar group when her family spent a year in Baltimore.

The Hebrew Culture Club, run by Black and endorsed by school administration, is not affiliated with NCSY. It is free of charge to interested students, including non-Jews.

On the day *The CJN* visited the group, Black, 25, was using the *Murphy Brown* episode as a springboard for a discussion of life and death. With a mix of anecdotes, textual references and thought-provoking questions, Black led an animated but serious teen discussion.

For Amiel Blajchman, 17, a day school alumnus, the club is his only current forum for Jewish learning. "I ask Glenn questions I'd ask my rabbi. I'm learning more about my Jewish heritage than [ever]."

For Jason Swirsky, 17, the club has served as support while he has become more religious. The change, he stressed, was not a result of his participation in the club.

Although the program has a strong educational aspect, Black attempts to dispel the classroom feeling. Pizza is served every week, and Black encourages students to sit on their desks if they like.

Shira Spring, 16, feels the club, which has served as catalyst for some new friendships, is uniting the Jewish community. "You've got youth from every youth group, and unaffiliated," she said.

The Hebrew Culture Club, led by NCSY's Glenn Black, left, meets weekly at Mackenzie. [Frances Kraft photo]

Diverse views on peace process

EFRAT — Members of a Toronto UJA mission came face to face recently with Israel's divisions on the peace process.

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, the founder of the West Bank community of Efrat, vowed before mission participants to organize civilian patrols if the Israeli army moves out of Bethlehem.

Riskin argued strongly against further Israeli government negotiations with the PLO. "We picked the wrong partner," he said. "This peace process is a disaster. I'm in favor of peace, but this is not peace."

Later, Peace Now's Amiram Goldbloom warned mission participants of another intifadah if the opposition Likud party comes to power.

Goldbloom opposes redeployment as well, because he believes Israel should leave the West Bank completely and disband Jewish settlements.

According to Mideast analyst Dr. Gerald Steinberg, who also briefed UJA mission members, "the Israeli army is very unenthusiastic about redeployment and Arafat is very unenthusiastic about elections, because he's unsure of his popularity."

Steinberg said Israeli opinions on the peace process are somewhere between the "new Middle East euphoria" of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and "a sense of disaster."

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Rabbi Weinberg to leave Eitz Chaim after 37 years

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —Rabbi Shneur K. Weinberg, for 37 years a senior administrator at Eitz Chaim Schools, will retire at the end of this school year.

He will be succeeded by Rabbi Aaron Levine.

Rabbi Weinberg was encouraged to come to Toronto in 1958 by then senior principal Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum. Starting out as a rebbe (Hebrew studies teacher) in the day school and principal of the evening school, since 1971 he has been senior principal.

Three of his four children and his sons-in-law are also working in education. He credits their involvement to the fact that "I feel good about what I've done in my life — very positive."

Acknowledging that there can be aggravation, nevertheless, he says, "teaching and having an impact [on students] gives a satisfaction that other endeavors don't."

Some of his most gratifying experiences, he told *The CJN* in an interview in his Patricia campus office, came from working in the now defunct Eitz Chaim evening school, and from evening schools he was involved with in Detroit.

Most of the kids, he said, came from non-observant families, and were open to religous influence. "It's gratifying when you take a kid from a different environment, and turn him around to become a shomer mitzvot."

Times were different when he started teaching, he mused. "People were occupied about making a living. They didn't trust that you could get a good secular education at a day school.

"Now, of course, the day school secular education is better than in the public schools," he said.

The children have changed too, he said, as society has changed — and "mostly for the worse."

It was not considered acceptable to blatantly question and challenge, either parents or teachers, he said.

Now, he said, we have to treat kids differently. "There's nothing wrong with that — you get more out of a student if you do — but kids have to learn to obey. There has to be some sense of derech eretz (respect)."

Parents also have changed, he said. "They expect more professionalism [in Jewish education]. Thank G-d we can provide that."

He is very proud of what he has done at Eitz Chaim, citing particularly the school's participation in the UJA campaign.

Not wanting the students, for various reasons, to take part in the walkathon, he instituted the learnathon. Shortly before Shavuot, the students spend a day studying Torah subjects, and listening to guest speakers.

Just as the marchers do, the youngsters get sponsors. This year, the boys' school alone raised close to $11,000.

The German-born rabbi has a few regrets — just a few. He would have liked to do more serious Torah study. "Now, with my lessened workload, I hope to do more."

Rabbi S. K. Weinberg

Most of all, he notes, somewhat wistfully, "I wish I could have taught more."

Rabbi Weinberg has no intention of just sitting around. He has accepted a position of menahel (principal) of the afternoon Hebrew studies program at Yeshivat Nachlas Tzvi and educational director of its general studies program.

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The five boys and five girls are part of a delegation of 52 serving as counsellors in North American summer camps.

The Toronto concert opened with the Israel Scout Song *Shir Hatzofim* and closed with *Hatikvah*.

"The Scouts of Israel have always played a major role since the establishment of the state in communal and environmental service, but most important in the teaching of volunteerism," said Israeli Consul Haim Waxman.

The Israel Scouts went on to perform at a day school before leaving for Kingston, Ottawa and Montreal.

In Kingston they put on one community show and one in Winston Churchill Public School.

In Ottawa they were scheduled to perform for the 80th anniversary of the 39th Henry "Hank" Torontow Scout Group and for the students of Hillel Academy Jewish Day School.

In Montreal they were scheduled to perform at the YM-YWHA and the Jewish Nursing Home.

The Toronto visit was co-sponsored by the Jewish Advisory Committee on Scouting & Guiding and United Israel Appeal of Canada Inc.

Media called essential in fighting hatemongers

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The media are the first line of attack in exposing hatemongers, Bernie Farber told delegates to the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies (CASHRA).

Farber, national director of Community Relations of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), was part of a panel on how to use the media to respond to hatred. The discussion focused on the strengths and weaknesses of the media in covering hate groups and how human rights agencies and other anti-racist groups can help and educate journalists.

Farber used the two trials of Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel to highlight the media's strengths and weaknesses.

Reporters covering the first trial in 1984-85 were not well prepared, he charged. Testimony was reported uncritically and lies repeated and given equal time with the testimony of survivors and scholars, Farber said.

By the second trial three years later, lessons had been learned, he noted. Gone were the misleading headlines, and the prosecution's case was covered well. The question Farber posed is whether the lessons have been sustained.

"The media must maintain its focus and not allow itself to be manipulated by the new lexicon of the hate groups," he said. "Holocaust denier David Irving made a lot of news a couple of years ago while trying to organize a speaking tour across Canada. Most papers referred to him as a controversial historian and author or historical revisionist. That is misleading."

In her remarks, anti-racist Ottawa youth leader Alicia Reckzin faulted the media for their portrayal of anti-racist youth as thugs and misfits. She cited an example where 50 neo-Nazis attacked a group of three anti-racists.

"The next day, the media seemed to be saying the anti-racists deserved the beating they received," she said. "I agree with [Farber] that the media need to be educated about the far right."

Jon Breen, chair of the Yukon Human Rights Commission, noted that the media prefer to cover events rather than processes.

"We have to be able to take strong positions put in a dramatic way, just as the extreme right does, to capture the media's attention," he said.

In trying to relate to reporters and the media, Farber recommended that CASHRA delegates expose hate groups "reasonably"; avoid getting caught up in hatemongers' euphemisms and the trap of debating free speech; and offer reporters context, balance and expertise.

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Jewish students' group thrives at WLU

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Yes, there is a Jewish presence at Wilfrid Laurier University, and Heath Applebaum wants everyone to know about it.

The 21-year-old political science/philosophy student was the driving force behind the Waterloo, Ontario university's Jewish Students Association (JSA), formed this past year.

Two years ago the native Torontonian became involved in the Jewish campus group at nearby University of Waterloo, four blocks from Laurier.

He soon decided that his own school could use a similar club, and put together a proposal for a Jewish club at Laurier early last year.

About 50 Jewish students, along with some interested non-Jewish students, have signed up, and at least 10 Jewish professors have become involved in an advisory capacity.

Applebaum credits Susan Jackson of Canadian Jewish Congress for giving the group ideas and support and for paving the way for them to receive funding of approximately $1,500 from the Council of Jewish Federations' campus services committee. (A modest allocation from the university rounds out their budget.)

"You have to mention Susan. Nothing would have happened if it weren't for her," insists Applebaum.

Jackson is equally adamant that Applebaum "shouldn't be Mr. Modest." She cites his energy, determination and sensitivity to others as factors in the JSA's success. "If this isn't Jewish continuity, what is?" she asks.

"I felt this was something that needed to be done," says Applebaum, who traces his interest in Israel and Judaism to the summer he spent in Israel several years ago on the Canadian Zionist Federation's Kibbutz Encounter Program.

This summer he will return to Israel to pursue third-year university studies at Tel Aviv University.

Executive members of the Jewish Students Association at Wilfrid Laurier University got together before the group's wine and cheese party. From left are Jordan Rotman, Heath Applebaum, Vivian Horovitch, Jen Guia, Scott MacGregor and Michael Rosenblatt.

He will be succeeded as JSA president by Jennifer Golder and Erin Rows, who will serve as co-presidents.

Laurier was Applebaum's first choice of universities, he told *The CJN*, and he doesn't want others to be discouraged by a perceived lack of Jewish students. "The university's only one hour from Toronto, and it's got a fabulous business program and MBA program. Laurier's a very small school, the classes are small, [so] you don't feel intimidated asking questions."

The school's Jewish students are interested in staying involved in the Jewish community, but don't want to be isolated from their non-Jewish peers, Applebaum noted. He was involved in the school's new interfaith council, of which the JSA was a founding member.

Over the past year the JSA has co-hosted events with the University of Waterloo's Jewish Students' Association, and has invited students from the University of Guelph, less than 30 minutes away by car, to its programs.

Programming has included a wine and cheese party and a Shabbat dinner, both of which were co-hosted by Kitchener's Beth Jacob Synagogue.

Plans for the coming year include looking into establishing a Hillel-type house together with the University of Waterloo, said incoming co-president Golder. Programming will include Jewish-themed movie nights and "continuing what we started last year."

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Mazel Tov

Ralph & Florrie Kay hosted a surprise birthday luncheon with their family and friends, for their daughter Linda who was born VE-Day 1945.

It is a great pleasure to announce the engagement of Lori Sue, daughter of Judy & Arnold Katz, granddaughter of Shirley Katz and Jonathan & Ursula Miller, to Melvin Neil, son of Edith & Sam Barsky.

Bryan Jonathan Spitz, son of Peter & Gilda Spitz was called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on April 29 at the Lodzer Centre Congregation.

Tracie Lauren Kuchinsky, daughter of Ilene & Michael Kuchinsky celebrated her bat mitzvah on March 18, at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Amy Miethner, daughter of Isobel Fealdman & Ralf Miethner is celebrating her bat mitzvah on June 23 at Temple Sinai.

Lisa-Rachel, 8 months old, is the daughter of Carol & Abram of Thornhill.

The Pearlson family celebrates a third generation. Rayna Jae Pearlson was born on Feb. 24. Proud parents are Josh & Rossana. First-time grandparents are Rabbi Jordan Pearlson & Gerry Pearlson and Joe & Fina Parades.

David & Rochelle Barkin are thrilled to announce the birth of Candice Sarina on March 23, 1995. Proud grandparents are Gerald & Claire Simon, Leonard & Bryna Barkin and Mitchel & Lili Smith. Great-grandparents are Mac & Bertha Simon, Lil Barkin and Alex Chernick. Candice is named in memory of her safta Sarah Chernick.

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What's New

DEADLINE REMINDER

Deadlines for What's New and About People — Thursday, June 22 is deadline for July 6 issue. Please note: As there is no issue July 13, all items that would have appeared July 13 must be included in the July 6 column. Deadline for July 20 issue is Thursday, July 6. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Saturday, June 24

CANTORIAL SHABBAT

The Victor and Renee Topper Cantorial Shabbat, 9 a.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation, features **Cantor Jacob Ben-Zion Mendelson**, who serves on the faculties of the Cantorial School of Sacred Music of Hebrew Union College and the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary, both in New York.

Sunday, June 25

HACHNASAT SEFER TORAH

In recognition of JEP's 18th year, the community is invited to a Hachnasat Sefer Torah (dedication of the Torah), presented to JEP by **Avraham and Chaya Engel** and family. Procession proceeds from Kollel Avreichim, 515 Coldstream Ave., 3:00 p.m., to arrive at JEP/Tanenbaum Centre, 2939 Bathurst St. approximately 3:45 p.m. Reception follows with music by Nafshenu.

YIDDISH KULTUR

Yiddish Kultur Geselshaft presents **Prof. Abraham Novershtern** of The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, speaking on Peretz Markish, the Giant of Yiddish Literature, 8 p.m., Workmen's Circle Hall, 417 Lawrence Ave. W. Admission $3.

HUMAN SEXUALITY

Singles and friends, 25-40, are invited to explore Human Sexuality with **Rabbi Mordechai Becher** at a cafe-style evening with music, wine and desserts, 8:30 p.m., Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd. Couvert $10. Reservations/information 483-0883.

LINITZER SOCIETY

Linitzer Benefit Society general meeting and breakfast, 9:30 a.m., Borochov Centre, followed by Yiddish humorist **Nathan Garnick**. Members only.

CHARITY GARAGE SALE

A charity garage sale, organized by B'nai Brith Women, Tikvah chapter, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 37 Elm Ridge Dr., offers toys, household items, videos and collectibles.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Abraham Kass, personal, marital and family therapist, speaks at Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, 770 Chabad Gate, Thornhill, 8 p.m. 905-771-1087.

CHORALAIRS CONCERT

Choralairs of North York 33rd annual closing concert features pop, Broadway and folk songs, 2-4:30 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre. $1 raffle.

WINGATE BRANCH

General Wingate branch, Royal Canadian Legion, general members meeting, 9:30 a.m. nosh, 10 a.m. meeting.

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** performs Jewish and Hebrew music, 1-2 p.m., Terrace Gardens, 3705 Bathurst St.

BIKE FOR CANCER

Bike-a-Thon for Cancer 35-km route starts and ends at the Bakers Dozen (McCowan and Sheppard), beginning 9 a.m. Proceeds go to Canadian Cancer Society. Registration, **Salvina** 292-2626, ext. 286.

Monday, June 26

YIDDISH FOLK MUSIC

Outdoor concert of Yiddish Folk Music sponsored by committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, with soprano **Stella Walker**, baritone **Leonid Karpinsky**, the Zemer Chorale of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue directed by **Charles Heller** and Israeli musician **Yossi Abramowitz**, 7 p.m., Earl Bales Park. Rain location Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda. **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

JOY OF LEARNING

Women's Institute of Torah Study lectures for women at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue — What is the World to Come?, **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**, 10-11 a.m.; Revolt Against the Man of G-d — The Motive, The Lessons, **Chana Weisberg**, 8-9 p.m.; Feminine Imagery in Kabbalah, **Chana Weisberg**, 9-10 p.m. 905-881-2012.

Thursday, June 29

YIDDISH HUMOR

Beth Sholom Synagogue adult education committee evening of Jewish Humor and Storytelling with comedians **Alfie Kwinter**, **Jack Marko** and **Jackie Gelman**, 8 p.m. No charge. 783-6103.

A DAY AT THE RACES

The D. Lou Harris chapter of Akim, in support of the mentally handicapped youth of Israel, has arranged a day at Woodbine Race Track. Bus leaves 11:15 a.m. from Shaarei Shomayim parking lot. 782-0923.

SINGLE PARENTS' SERIES

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What's New

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monthly lecture series is What You Always Wanted to Know and Were Afraid to Ask, with family lawyer **Michael Lewis**, 8 p.m. Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. **Debbie Dash** 633-5500.

And What Else Is New...

BEACH HEBREW INSTITUTE

Beach Hebrew Institute 75th anniversary celebrations begin Friday, June 23, 7:30 p.m. with services led by junior congregants, guest speaker **Stuart Schonfeld**, York University, followed by a reception. They continue Saturday, June 24, services 9:30 a.m.; a musical Evening of Stars 7:30 p.m. Shul rededication is 1 p.m. Sunday, June 25, with **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich**, on behalf of the Toronto Board of Rabbis, officiating with president **Arnie Newman**. Open to the community. 469-3930.

KOFFLER GALLERY

Minyan, new indoor and outdoor sculpture by London, Ont. artist **Cyril Reade** at the Koffler Gallery through August 4, constitutes a memorial to the decline of tradition in the community and a personal reflection on the Holocaust. Guest curator **Carolyn Bell Farrel.**

New Work by **Michael Buckland** is on view in the Loggia Gallery until August 4.

ACCOMMODATION

Jewish Information Service (JIS) invites homeowners with vacant rooms or apartments to register with JIS Accommodation registry. People needing housing are also invited to contact JIS. To register for this free community service, call 635-5600, Monday through Friday. JIS is a department of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

LEARNING EXCHANGE

Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd., Suite 203 — The Case For or Against Divorce, **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**, Sunday, June 25, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Last Respects: Honoring the Departed and Comforting the Mourner, **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, Tuesday, June 27, 8-9 p.m. 483-0883.

HEBREW SCHOOL

B'nai Shalom Hebrew School, Yorkhill Elementary School, 350 Hilda Ave., Thornhill, offers kindergarten and grades 1-7 Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Curriculum includes Hebrew, holidays, prayers, Israel, Bible, history, music, arts and crafts, Israeli folkdancing, remedial and enriched help, bar/bat mitzvah with individual tutoring and synagogue skills. Registration for 1995/96 open. 905-731-2797. **Sadie Domb** director, **Joseph Klinger** principal.

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Everyone is welcome at Congregation Shomer Israel, 60 Rockford Rd. Shabbat services 9 a.m. followed by kiddush. Sunday 8:30 a.m. No dues. 362-3248 or 256-1600.

AISH HATORAH

Barbecues, Beaches, Baseball and Bereshis series with **Rabbi Yosef Michalowicz** concludes with Session IV, Beaches, Tuesday, June 27, The Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W., and Wednesday June 28, Aish HaTorah Thornhill, Suite 303, the Promenade.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays 8:30 a.m. and Mincha, Maariv 7 p.m. Shabbat services are preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samanovits** at 8 a.m. Call **David** 256-1600.

REFORM MINYAN

Weekly Shabbat services are held at Bloor JCC. Format is user-friendly, stimulating, egalitarian prayer including Torah discussion — Friday, June 23, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m.; Friday, July 14, 7:15 p.m. Information including High Holy Day enquiries 905-844-4185.

KABBALAH CENTRE

Programs at Kabbalah Learning Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., phone 631-9395 — New beginners course starts Thursday, June 22, 8:30 p.m.; Rosh Chodesh Tammuz with **Rabbi Philip Berg**, Wednesday, June 28, 8:30 p.m., $10; Shabbaton with Rabbi Berg and **Karen Berg**, June 30-July 1 (register); The Power of Kabbalah lecture (call for information and registration).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is looking for VISIT volunteers to visit lonely and/or isolated people in their own homes, and for Dial-A-Friend volunteers to provide telephone reassurance to homebound seniors. **Barbara Zigler** 225-2112.

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Register now for Bathurst Jewish Centre Senior Adult Services Department summer courses starting the week of July 11 — Bridge, intermediate, Wednesdays 1-3 p.m.; Needlecrafts (needlepoint, crewel, knitting, crochet), Tuesdays, 9:30-11 a.m.; Tai Chi, Thursdays 2-4 p.m.; Line Dancing, Fridays 1-2:30 p.m. **Teme** or **Yvonne** 636-1880.

Israeli dancing on the roof at Bloor JCC every Monday, 8 p.m., beginner and intermediate level, starting July 3, with instructor/choreographer **Marco Ben-Shimon**. $5. **Lindsey** 924-6211 or **Marco** 905-771-0363.

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Baycrest Centre eight-week nutrition counselling and weight reduction program for persons 55 and over, begins Tuesday, June 27, 7-8:30 p.m. and Wednesday, June 28, 10-11:30 a.m. at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. $30 Wagman Centre members, $40 non-members. **Dolores Green**, 785-2500, ext. 2267.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). June 26 **Odi Savion** from Israel Aliyah desk, lectures on The Soviet Jews — Immigration and Absorption in Israel. 661-4689.

LZA Seniors Club registration for Catskills Pines Hotel July 27-August 6. Also tickets for Stratford to see *The Gondoliers* Sept. 6. **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841. Ladies Folkdancing is Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. and Discussion Group is Tuesdays 10 a.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Lifestyle Retirement Community **Forest Hill Place**, 645 Castlefield Ave., presents the play *Love Letters* with **Gloria Valentine** and **Murray Kash**, Thursday, June 29, 7:30 p.m. Admission free, but reservations required. **Marlene White** 785-1511.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club reports exciting new programs are in the planning. Trips to Stratford for *The Boyfriend* Sept. 27 and *The Gondoliers* Oct. 25. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Donations to Golden Book go to Laniado Hospital in Israel, **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays, 9:30-10:45 a.m., boardroom. Next meeting is June 23. **Paula David** 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club— Saturday dance June 24, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dance with live band June 25, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; movie *A Night at the Opera* starring the Marx brothers, Wednesday, July 5, 2 p.m.; walk in the park, Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Cullen Gardens Whitby, June 29; Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls, July 6; Catskills Raleigh Hotel, July 24-30; *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*, August 2; Ottawa, August 22-24. 395-7881.

If you would like a ride to the Catskills, join **Young at Heart Seniors** trip to the Pines Hotel July 14-23 (package deal $1,020 Canadian depending on exchange). Also, a bazaar is planned for Magen David Congregation. **Helen** 635-6343.

CREATIVE LIVING CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Canada Day celebration Wednesday, June 28, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with guest speaker, barbecue picnic, Canada's birthday cake, clowns, children's games, entertainment. Lunch $3.

The movie *Pillow Talk* is Sunday, June 25, 2:30 p.m.

Osteoporosis Support Group with occupational therapist **Joan Turner** is Tuesday, June 27, 1:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural group for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. **Anna.** 225-2112.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Fran Sonshine (left), immediate past president, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, presents a plaque in memory of Alice (Allie) Herman to the Herman family: Bernard Herman and daughters Carol Herman Zucker and Wendy Eisen. A special fund has been established with Toronto Hadassah-WIZO and a scholarship in perpetuity is being provided annually to student requiring assistance through Youth Aliyah and Hadassah-WIZO.

PLAID WINNER AT 90

Freda Borovoy, winner of the Plaid Contest, is pictured at her 90th birthday, with special visitors the Four Plaids singing group and some of her great-grandchildren. The party, at King Solomon's Table, was attended by 90 relatives and close friends. Borovoy was named Plaid Contest winner as a result of the many letters written describing her as a "special lady."

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they may have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

AMAZING! MTS presents **Canada Day Summer in the City** party at the **Valley Tennis and Swim Club,** 7015 Leslie Street, north of Steeles, Saturday, July 1, at 9:00 p.m. Six good reasons to be there:
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People Without Partners. A social group is being formed for professional/business people 45-65 years of age. Events planned are dinner theatre outings, cultural outings, fun events, etc. Interested people please call (905) 886-6280 & (905) 793-9790.

The New Image 50+ Singles is having a mix and mingle and a jewellery sale on Sunday, July 2, at 7:30 pm at Earl Bales Community Centre. Watches by Eileen, other jewellery by Larry. Members $2; guests $3. Everybody welcome.

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Klein, Lastman seek business in Israel

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For a while, it looked like something unprecedented was about to happen: three levels of Canadian government converging on Israel to explore business and trade opportunities.

But late last week, federal Treasury Board president Art Eggleton announced that due to pressing concerns at home, he would not be going to Israel this week, as planned.

That leaves Alberta Premier Ralph Klein and North York, Ont. Mayor Mel Lastman both leading economic missions to the Jewish state this week.

Eggleton cancelled the trip because of several "pressing pieces of legislation" before the House of Commons, aide Allan Kaufman told *The CJN* on Friday. The trip will be re-scheduled but it's not known when, Kaufmann added.

Eggleton was due to greet Air Canada's maiden flight from Toronto to Israel on June 21 and to take part in several business conferences aimed at boosting Canada-Israel ties.

He was also scheduled to open the Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and hold talks with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Lastman's mission, from June 14-25, has taken about a dozen North York businesspeople to Israel to explore new markets and joint ventures.

Klein, who arrived in Israel Saturday from Europe and is scheduled to leave for Lebanon this Thursday, is also plumbing new opportunities for Alberta in manufacturing, agriculture, mining, hi-tech industries and other sectors.

Both politicians were on hand for the fifth Business Forum, held in Haifa this week. The three-day conference was designed to develop joint ventures and facilitate business contacts.

Klein's itinerary includes stops at the Canada Centre in Metulla, Yad Vashem and various tourist attractions. He's scheduled to visit Calgary's Project Renewal twin city, Mazkeret Batya, as well as the Edmonton-Israel Project, which seeks to renovate a dormitory at Kiryat Hachinuch, an education centre in Jerusalem.

Also on the agenda are talks with Palestinian spokesperson Ziad Abu-Ziad.

A dinner for Klein was hosted on Tuesday by Israel's industry and trade minister, Micha Harish, after the two signed a memorandum of understanding.

Later this week, Klein is to address the Canada-Israel Free Trade Symposium, set up after free trade talks between the two countries were initiated last year.

Air Canada goes to Israel

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The Air Canada flights represent the airline's first entry into the Middle East. According to Robertson, the service has already proven popular. "The phones have been ringing off the hook since we made the announcement."

The mood at Air Canada's newly-opened office at 59 Ben-Yehuda St. in Tel Aviv has also been upbeat. "I was told that even before they finished painting and laying the carpet, people were walking in off the street, saying 'Shalom, mazel tov, good luck,'" Robertson said.

El Al offers direct service from Toronto and Montreal, but Air Canada presently offers direct non-stop service from Toronto only. However, the airline eventually plans to offer a direct flight from Montreal over a European gateway.

Air Canada's entry into the Israeli market has given Canadian travellers more direct flight options to Israel than ever before.

Air Canada flights depart from Toronto on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 p.m. and arrive in Tel Aviv at 3:50 p.m. the next day. Total flying time is about 11½ hours.

By comparison, El Al offers weekly flights on Monday and Wednesday, with an added Sunday flight in high season (beginning June 11). Its flights depart Toronto at 11:20 a.m., stop in Montreal, depart again at 1:50 p.m., and arrive in Tel Aviv at 7:10 a.m. the next day. Total travel time is about 13½ hours from Toronto, 11 hours from Montreal.

Many travellers from Toronto and western Canada may prefer Air Canada's shorter flying time and mid-afternoon arrival, when hotels are better prepared to receive guests.

Air Canada flies the twin-aisle 767-300 extended range aircraft with 35 executive first seats, and 166 seats in hospitality class (economy). El Al flies the larger, two-deck 747 aircraft, with about 12 seats in first class, 42 in business class, and 420 in economy. The 55 inches of leg room — officially known as seat pitch — offered in Air Canada's executive first cabin "is the most of any airline flying today," said Robertson. No leg room statistic was available from El Al.

While both airlines offer frequent flyer programs, Air Canada is offering double points for all passengers to Tel Aviv before July 31. Frequent flyers on El Al who make 31/2 round trips in economy within one year are eligible for a free return ticket from Toronto or Montreal upon completion of their fifth return trip.

Pricing on both airlines is competitive. On El Al, return economy fares begin at $1,338 from Toronto, $1,253 from Montreal. Air Canada's lowest listed fare is $1,299. On both airlines, a full business-class fare from Toronto is $5,372.

In recent months, some travel agents have offered discounted fares for either airline that have gone as low as $849 return.

From coast to coast

Geneticist honored by Mount Sinai

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — More than 400 guests turned out for a recent gala tribute to Dr. Lou Siminovitch, the founding director of Mount Sinai Hospital's research institute and an internationally renowned geneticist.

Siminovitch, 65, is now director emeritus of the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute but said his sense of fulfillment does not rest solely on his scientific accomplishments. "I value, as much, or even more the large number of collaborators and friends with whom I have been associated with along the way."

After receiving his PhD in chemistry from McGill University in 1944 and a stint working at the Canadian atomic energy program, Siminovitch studied at the Pasteur Institute in Paris with researchers who went on to receive Nobel Prizes for their work in genetics and molecular biology.

A scientist at the Ontario Cancer Institute from 1956 until 1969, he became geneticist-in-chief at the Hospital for Sick Children in 1970. He left there in 1985 to establish Mount Sinai's research facility.

Siminovitch is a national treasure and one of the architects of modern medical science, said Dr. Henry Friesen, the president of the Medical Research Council of Canada. "He recognized the absolute fundamental revolution that was upon us with molecular biology and genetics. He built that discipline, he created a foundation for that movement here in Toronto."

The current director of Mount Sinai's research institute said the "outstanding" scientific institutions and departments at Mount Sinai, the Sick Kids, the Ontario Cancer Institute and the University of Toronto were built by Siminovitch. "It was his vision, and his determination, and his demand for excellence that created and sustained these groupings," said Dr. Alan Bernstein. "It's an amazing track record of accomplishments, one which I doubt has been ever equalled anywhere by anyone in science."

Dr. John Evans, a founder of McMaster University's medical school, called Siminovitch a tireless worker, through good times and bad, for every facet of science.

To honor Siminovitch, Mount Sinai is establishing the Dr. Lou Siminovitch Young Scientist Fund to attract international scientists and fellows.

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By CYNTHIA GASNER
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IDF soldiers killed in Lebanon ambush

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Three IDF soldiers were killed and three wounded last Sunday morning when their patrol was ambushed near Tibnit, in the eastern sector of the security zone in Lebanon.

Killed were Sgt. Hillel Rosner, 19, of Tel Aviv; Warrant Officer Hisham Rakhal Hayeb, 31, a father of six; and Warrant Officer Ahni Mohammed Hayeb, 29, a father of two. The two warrant officers were Bedouin trackers from the village of Zarzir in the Jezreel Valley.

Hezbollah issued a statement in Beirut taking responsibility for the attack, which military sources depict as a further escalation in south Lebanon.

"Hezbollah is operating under the notion of an impending Israeli-Syrian deal and this attack is part of a broader effort to assert its control over the south," a senior officer said.

After hearing of the attack, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told visiting Irish foreign minister, Dick Spring, that the "events in south Lebanon are not confidence-building steps from Syria."

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan said Israel must free itself from political restraints and hit Hezbollah with its full force.

"If [Syrian President Hafez] al-Assad wants peace, he must understand unequivocally that terrorism in Lebanon must cease," Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet said.

The soldiers, from a Givati Brigade unit, were on a routine road-clearing mission, when they were attacked from two directions, with machine guns and RPGs from a house on the outskirts of Nabatiya, and with mortar fire from terraces in Tibnit.

The initial debriefing indicated that the soldiers immediately deployed in attack positions returned fire and then assaulted the ambushing force. Army sources confirmed that the soldiers killed at least three of the attackers and wounded several others.

As the Hezbollah force began dispersing, heavy mortar fire landed on the area where a group of soldiers were organizing themselves for pursuit.

Rosner was killed instantly. As Ahni Hayeb and Hisham Hayeb rushed to assist him, another mortar shell hit, fatally wounding them and wounding three other soldiers, one moderately and two lightly.

Sharansky says goal is to strengthen the Jewish people

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"What has happened over the past 10 years is that each government has ignored the first pillar of Zionism for the sake of the second. No government has developed any systematic strategies for strengthening the people, as if assimilation were not eating away at the Jews, as if there was not a widening gap between us and the Diaspora. That must change."

This, he repeated was the movement's sole raison d'etre. "We will ensure that the building of the people must be a high priority for the next government, equal to the maintenance of Israel's security."

Sharansky pointed out that his movement is broadly based. Its founding executive includes Israelis from Russia, Ethiopia, the United States and Canada. Zvi Weinberg, formerly of Toronto, now teaching at Bar Ilan University, is a member of the executive. "Israel B'aliyah is not a party of Russians, although " no doubt at the beginning most voters for the party will be Russian."

When asked about the party's policy on the peace process, Sharansky responded that they had not yet formulated one. "Our views will not be bait for either the Likud or Labor. Among our group we have former activists from Likud, Labor, Mafdal (The National Religious Party) and Meretz. We will start developing a platform on the peace process in the future. But it will have appropriate red lines."

Commenting upon the widening factional divisions developing in the Jewish world, as evidenced by the fierce debate surrounding the peace process, he said ,"The heart of the problem is in Israel. This division is not only a problem of the Galut. There is a temptation to delegitimize the opposition. It starts with the leaders." He elaborated on this by returning to the original point he had made about Israel B'aliyah.

"Part of the problem has been that for so long governments here have ignored the people. If we had been stronger on this issue, had devoted more time to building the people, we could have developed a different culture of discussion and debate. Questions of peace and of war would be dealt with in a more mature way."

He pointed to the leadership of the new movement as possible harbingers of hope in the vital task of helping to heal the growing internal rift. "Because of our past experience of uniting disparate communities inside the Soviet Union, our feeling of mutual historical fate is more important than any feeling which might separate us."

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No East Jerusalem council: Peres

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — In an effort to underline its political claims to the city, the Palestinian leadership plans to establish its own city council in Jerusalem, senior PLO sources said last week.

The decision to revive the 12-member council that administered eastern Jerusalem until the 1967 Six Day War was approved at the weekly meeting of the Palestinian Authority (PA).

But it was immediately denounced by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who reportedly warned that the council will not be allowed to operate.

The PA's decision is likely to renew tensions between Israel and the Palestinians over the future of the city, after controversy erupted last month as a result of Israeli plans for land expropriations in eastern Jerusalem.

Talks on the status of Jerusalem are scheduled to begin in May 1996.

Last year, the Knesset passed legislation barring the PA from operating inside Israel and Jerusalem.

The former deputy mayor of eastern Jerusalem, Amin Majaj, said PLO leader Yasser Arafat met with former council members last week in Jericho.

Arafat informed them that he had decided to revive the Jerusalem council, and he promised to provide them with financial and administrative support, according to Majaj.

Palestinian official Faisal Husseini said Majaj, 74, would be named the new mayor of eastern Jerusalem.

"With this council, we can do things to help our community," said Husseini.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert was not immediately available for comment.

But Peres reportedly vowed last week that the council will not be allowed to operate.

"Jerusalem is united. There is no additional municipality and will not be. What they [the PA] decide or say has no value," Peres was quoted as telling the Knesset's foreign affairs and defence committee.

Peres stressed that Jerusalem is outside the PA's purview, and that while guests of Palestinian residents of the city could visit Orient House, the PA's east Jerusalem headquarters, the Oslo accords forbid the holding of meetings with the PA there.

Peres told the committee that two issues concerning the Palestinian elections remain to be solved: Who could be elected and whether polls would be set up in east Jerusalem.

Referendum promised on Syrian peace deal

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Any deal with Syria will go into effect only after being approved in a referendum, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said Wednesday.

"Before [reaching such an agreement] we have nothing to ask the people," Peres said. "If we have an agreement, we will bring it to the people."

Earlier, U.S. peace envoy Dennis Ross was quoted as saying a referendum would be held after the two sides sign a treaty.

Ross added it was "logical" to assume Israel would not agree to an accord that it did not believe the public would support.

Peres was answering questions at a Jerusalem luncheon given in his honor by World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman.

Peres reiterated that "the land of the Golan Heights belongs to the Syrians."

Stressing the need to help the Palestinain Authority, Peres said Arab states should take an example from world Jewry. He specifically took the Saudis to task for not fulfilling pledges, saying that they had reneged an a $35 million aid offer to the Palestinians.

"Israel's security depends a great deal on the self-esteem of the Palestinians," he said. "I never dreamt the day would come when I would try to get money for them."

Later, while addressing the Knesset's foreign affairs committee, Peres defended his view of the Golan Heights as Syrian territory.

"Perhaps my statements paved the way in some part to a peace agreement with Syria," he was reported to have said.

He said the Labor Party platform, which calls for retaining the Golan, has been overtaken by new realities. He compared Labor's policy to the Likud platform during the Sinai withdrawal.

IDF prepares to leave four West Bank cities

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Israel Defence Force (IDF) is reportedly ready to withdraw troops from four cities in the West Bank.

Senior military sources told the Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* last week that the IDF is ready to pull out of Jenin, Nablus, Tulkarm and Kalkilya.

The sources said differences have arisen with the Palestinians over their demand that the pullback also include Ramallah and Bethlehem.

These cities are more problematic for Israel, they added, because of the level of terrorist activities there and because of their proximity to Jerusalem.

The sources said even though the army is ready to begin preparations for an initial redeployment, the ultimate decision will be made by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, meeting with Arafat in Jericho last weekend, reportedly urged the PLO leader to accept a partial pullout of Israeli troops from the four cities.

During the meeting, which came as part of Christopher's latest round of Middle East shuttle diplomacy, the secretary reportedly said the Palestinian Authority would get more aid from foreign donor countries if Arafat accepted the idea of a partial pullout.

Israel and the PLO have set July 1 as a target date for reaching agreement on implementing the next phase of Palestinian self-rule, which includes the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Arab population centres in the West Bank and the holding of Palestinian elections.

Palestinian official Faisal Husseini, speaking after the Christopher-Arafat meeting, called a partial Israeli withdrawal unacceptable, saying, "There will be no elections before the full redeployment of Israeli troops from the West Bank, and that is final."

The Declaration of Principles signed by Israel and the PLO in September 1993 is vague about the extent of the withdrawal. It stipulates only that Israeli troops be "redeployed outside populated areas" in the West Bank, with "further redeployments" to be accomplished gradually.

June 12:

• Opposition factions, including three Labor MKs Avigdor Kahalani, Emanuel Zissman, and Yaakov Shefi, decided to postpone tabling a bill which would call for a special majority to change the 1981 law which applies Israeli jurisdiction to the Golan Heights.

June 13:

• *Kol Yisrael* reported that during his visit to France, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was told that the French Ministry of Defence will purchase unmanned drones manufactured by Israel Aircraft Industries.

June 14:

• *Davar* reported there has been a dramatic decrease in the number of attacks against Israelis by Palestinians during the past few months. According to security officials there were 60 attempted attacks in March compared to 384 for the same month last year.

June 15:

• Katyusha rockets fired in three different waves from southern Lebanon landed in the western Galilee. Eight Israelis suffering from shrapnel wounds and shock were taken to hospital. Light property damage was also reported. Hezbollah claimed responsibility.

• Norwegian Foreign Minister Bjorn Tore Godal met with Rabin in Jerusalem. Godal had visited Gaza the day before and reported that he sensed a substantial positive change. "I visited Gaza again after a year and I immediately felt the change and an improved atmosphere among the people."

• *Kol Israel* reported the Consumer Price Index rose 1 per cent in May, bringing the yearly rate to 2.2 per cent.

• *Yediot Achronot* reported prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange have risen 31 per cent over the past three months, the largest increase since 1993. The rise was linked to an upsurge in activity by foreign investors due to the publication of several recent positive reports on Israel from leading investment houses in the United States and Britain.

June 16

•In a presentation to the Israel Policy Forum, American groups supportive of the government's policies, Rabin called Hezbollah "part of the ugly wave of Khomeinism in Lebanon." He said terrorism against Israel was being carried out now only by Islamic terrorist groups.

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U.S. lawmakers at odds over aid to PLO

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — On the same day last week that one member of the United States Congress unveiled legislation designed to cut off funds to the PLO, another announced an agreement that would allow money to continue to flow — at least temporarily.

Rep. Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.) announced that Congress would seek to extend the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act for 90 days.

The act, which expires at end of the month, allows U.S. aid to flow to the PLO, and American diplomats to talk to its representatives.

"Because the House and Senate can't complete its work on this important legislation by the end of the month, it is our intention to extend this act temporarily, for no more than 90 days," Gilman said in an address to 100 Orthodox rabbis in town to lobby against aid to the PLO.

Gilman sounded a stern warning to Yasser Arafat and the Palestinian Authority (PA).

"The PLO is going to lose U.S. assistance if it does not act quickly and forcefully to live up to its promises. Patience is wearing very thin. The American people and the Congress will be extremely hard pressed to commit the United States to commit anymore of our scare financial resources."

The U.S. has pledged $500 million to the PLO over five years. About $100 million has already been sent to the PA.

At the same session, aides to Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) unveiled legislation that would cut off all U.S. financial assistance to the PA.

Under the proposed legislation, no funding would ever go directly to the PLO or the PA. Instead, funds could only go to independent Palestinian institutions under certain conditions.

The measure would require the PLO to comply with its accords with Israel — including amending its covenant, which calls for the destruction of the Jewish state — in order for the money to flow to any Palestinians.

"The PLO's overwhelming failure to restrain the radical elements within its areas of control is an insult to Israel and everyone who had placed hope in Yasser Arafat's ability to deliver the peace," D'Amato said.

The legislation also would require Arafat to assist U.S. law enforcement officials in solving past murders of American citizens by people believed to be connected to the PLO.

"The PLO is not complying with its responsibilities," D'Amato said on the Senate floor last week as he introduced his bill.

"It has failed to restrain the radicals in Gaza. It has failed to change the PLO Covenant. It has failed to come clean with the amount of its assets."

"This bill is not the panacea. Nor is it the popular thing to do. It is however the right thing to do," D'Amato said. "I want peace for Israel as much or more than anyone else, but I do not want it on the wrong terms."

The measure cites the PLO's failure to prevent terrorism, control the flow of illegal weapons into and inside Gaza, prosecute and punish accused terrorists.

D'Amato's bill is also critical of the PLO for allowing its police force to grow to over 17,000 when only 9,000 are permitted under its accords with Israel.

The measure would also cut off funds to Palestinian institutions unless the PLO stops conducting business in Jerusalem.

The Orthodox rabbis "unequivocally endorsed" D'Amato's bill.

"Without compliance peace is nothing but a farce, a sham, a piece of paper," said Rabbi Steven Pruzansky, a spokesman for the group. "The American people should not support sending American taxpayers money to a terrorist organization."

Part of a delegation of 100 mainstream Orthodox rabbis meet before a press conference on Capitol Hill where they spoke out against U.S. funding of the PLO. [RNS photo]

Jackson backtracks

CJN Wire Services

LOS ANGELES — Pop superstar Michael Jackson apologized last Friday for using lyrics that Jewish groups said could promote anti-Semitism, and agreed to include an explanation in unshipped copies of his new album.

The superstar backtracked following criticism of the song *They Don't Care About Us* from both the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre. In it, Jackson sings: "Jew me/Sue me/Everybody/Do me/Kick me/Kike me/Don't you/Black or white me."

Jackson initially said the song — from the album *HIStory: Past, Present and Future — Book I*, which went on sale June 20 — was supposed to draw attention to the pain of prejudice and hate, and to social and political problems.

However the groups feared young people would hear the offensive language and not get the nuances. In response to the criticism, Jackson issued a public apology.

"I very much regret and apologize from the bottom of my heart if I have hurt anyone's feelings in conveying my own," the 36-year-old performer said in a statement.

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, said that a distraught Jackson called him Thursday evening to apologize for the lyrics.

"He was emotional, he was initially very emphatic," Rabbi Cooper said. "He wanted to make sure that we understood where he was coming from and not to misconstrue how we feel about him as a person.

The rabbi said he accepted Jackson's apology and had no doubt as to his original intentions. However, he was concerned that many other people at Jackson's Epic Records label must have seen the lyrics but never reacted.

G-7 leaders reject nuclear role for Iran

HALIFAX — At the conclusion of their summit here last week, the G-7 leaders of the world's largest industrial nations urged the world not to help Iran develop nuclear weapons — a statement Israel had been seeking.

In their final statement after the three-day summit, G-7 leaders, with Russian President Boris Yeltsin at their side, said, "We call on all states to avoid any collaboration with Iran which might contribute to the acquisition of a nuclear weapons capability."

G-7 countries have adopted stricter policies on nuclear cooperation with Iran, as they have with other countries, the statement said.

In the only reference to the Middle East, G-7 leaders called for peace treaties between Israel and Syria, and Israel and Lebanon.

The G-7 also noted the peace treaty between Israel and Jordan.

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U.S. senator Dole envious, resentful of Jews, book says

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator and Republican presidential frontrunner Robert Dole has "privately expressed envy and resentment of Jews," according to an unauthorized biography slated for release this fall.

Written by Stanley Hilton, a former aide and Senate counsel, the book, *Senator for Sale, an unauthorized biography of Senator Bob Dole*, claims Dole harbors anti-Semitic views.

In a full chapter dedicated to Dole's views on Jews and Israel, *Summer Soldier for Israel: From Staunch Supporter to Angry Critic*, Hilton also recounts Dole's stance of the late 1980s, which was widely categorized as anti-Israel.

"Dole sometimes privately expressed envy and resentment at Jews for having an unduly large amount of money, power and influence in the United States, and for bankrolling liberal Democrats' campaigns. Some he called Communists," Hilton writes in an advance copy of the book.

The allegations come as Dole is leading the charge to move the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, a move many Jews support.

Hilton's book, scheduled to be published in September by St. Martin's Press, stops a step short of calling Dole an anti-Semite.

"Like his hero Richard Nixon and many other traditional WASP Republicans, Dole has sometimes been critical of Jews, their politics and their financial power," writes Hilton, a trial attorney living in San Francisco.

Dole's campaign spokesperson, Nelson Warfield, categorically denied Hilton's charges, labelling them "wild, unfounded accusations by a low-level staffer who had no direct access to the senator.

"Hilton displays the worst kind of commercial cynicism by throwing around the code words of anti-Semitism to sell a few books," he said. "Bob Dole's support for the Jewish people is clear and proven across a career of public service."

Hilton worked for Dole from 1978 to 1980.

In the past, Dole has been criticized in the Jewish community for calling for a five per cent cut to Israel's foreign aid in 1990, initially opposing loan guarantees to help Israel resettle Soviet Jews and withdrawing from a 1990 congressional initiative recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

The book also accuses Dole of harboring "a deep dislike of such Jewish politicians as [former] Congressman Dan Glickman, a bitter rival from Kansas, and Henry Kissinger."

Hilton claims Dole was bitter at not receiving Jewish money for his election campaigns, specifically in 1988, when he ran unsuccessfully against George Bush for the Republican presidential nomination.

Jewish supporters came to Dole's defense, saying the charges are "outrageous."

"This is another example of the tabloid trash that is being promoted in society these days," said Matt Brooks, executive director of the National Jewish Coalition, a Republican organization.

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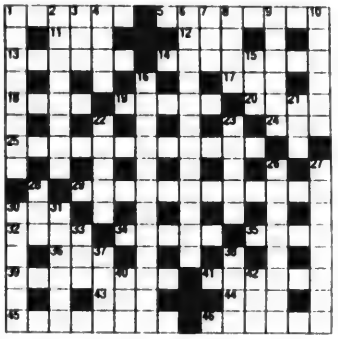

ACROSS

1 The camp that the British gathered the Yemenites into after 1948
5 At the Persian court she was known as Esther
11 Chinese dynasty
12 Doctor
13 Hera
14 A gabbaim was an -
17 Exclamation
18 Sixth month of Jewish civil calendar
19 The Zionist flag was first flown in 1884 at Ness -
20 Tribe that was not allocated any land in Israel
24 Allow
25 Patrician
29 Contrast
30 Mesh
32 Not present
34 Linkage
35 Sabbatica - proclaimed himself the Messiah in 1665 in Smyrna
36 Decay
39 Emancipate
41 Leave
43 Anger
44 No
45 Moses Luzzato the Italian mystic polished these in Amsterdam after the threat of the Rabbis
46 Many herbs might find such a bed more fitting to their lofty role in the plant world!

DOWN

1 Book of retelling
2 One of the Shabbats
3 Headwear
4 Whit
6 Beneficial
7 Female animal
8 Northern city
9 Half of this used to be donated to the Temple
10 Elijah was one
15 Scottish for self
16 Confounded
21 Neckline
22 Sink
23 Chilly
26 Cat may step this way to look bigger
27 Furrowed
28 Moisture
30 Such cities have to celebrate a second day of Purim
31 First name of actress in Funny Girl (1968)
33 Ewe
37 Threesome
38 - cava
40 Alder tree
42 Money

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Surgeon invents and markets Lea's Shield contraceptive

TORONTO — Casablanca-born, Israeli-raised Dr. Shlomo Gabbay, a general surgeon, has always been interested in research.

Most of his work has been in developing new surgical instruments. But after his wife, Lea, had their third child, she demanded to know why he couldn't invent some sort of new contraceptive, one that would not pump unwanted drugs into the system but would be safe, effective and comfortable.

These requirements seemed to point to a barrier contraceptive, along the lines of a cervical cap, contraceptive sponge or diaphragm.

The difficulty with the diaphragms now available, the Gabbays told *The CJN*, is that they have to be fitted before use and sized again after childbirth, and they need to be removed after 12 hours. Perhaps worst of all, they say, is that for many women they simply are not acceptable.

Gabbay invented and is now marketing in Canada Lea's Shield (named after his wife), which is "one size fits all," cheap and reusable, and comfortable.

It is made of medical grade silicon rubber and contains a valve mechanism that allows air to be vented out during insertion, which helps prevent infection and odour.

Studies performed at the Feminist Women's Health Centre in Atlanta, as well as Baltimore, Phoenix, Norfolk and Chicago, were very positive, says health policy and management consultant Lynn Thogersen, who oversaw the research.

"The women had no problem in either inserting or removing it. They really liked it — the fact they could leave it in place for up to 48 hours and that it required less jelly than other barrier methods, making it less messy.

"They also liked [the fact] that because it is a barrier method, it doesn't affect the whole body all the time [as do hormonal contraceptives]."

More studies are being carried out, but in the studies already done, Lea's Shield was shown to be 95 per cent effective in preventing pregnancy, as opposed to regular barriers which are generally considered from 80 to 90 per cent effective.

Other planned uses include use as a pessary, to correct a prolapsed uterus.

Lea's Shield is being produced and marketed by Yama Inc. in New Jersey, a company operated by the Gabbays, and it is being marketed in Canada by Femina Inc. in Markham.

It can be obtained directly from a physician or at a pharmacy. No prescription is necessary. Femina also sells Lea spermicidal gel.

Two Views On Israel's Economy

JERUSALEM — Israel is "one of the most promising of the emerging markets anywhere," according to June's Lehman Brothers Global Economics report. The report forecasts a five per cent rise in GDP, which is above government forecasts of between four and five per cent.

The report also adjusted inflation forecasts downwards to between six and seven per cent, instead of 8.2 per cent.

Meanwhile the International Monetary Fund (IMF) warned Israel's ballooning balance of payments gap and rapid rate of underlying inflation, together with its costly pension reform plan, cloud the economy's prospects.

"A disturbing aspect of these developments has been that the widening of the external current account balance has been accompanied by a marked decline in private sector savings that has outstripped the increase in the overall rate of investment," the annual report states.

Bank Leumi Reports Quarterly Profits Up 64 Per Cent

The Bank Leumi Group reported a 64 per cent increase in profits in the first quarter of 1995 compared with the same period last year.

The Group's net profit, including translation adjustments, amounted to $55.8 million (US) compared with $34 million last year.

LOCAL PR FIRM WINS AWARD

Deborah Weinstein (left) and Judy Lewis, partners and co-founders of Toronto-based Strategic Objectives Inc. were honored with the United Nations Grand Award for outstanding achievement in public relations at UN Headquarters New York recently. The award was presented for the firm's work on The Body Shop's public awareness campaign on violence against women. It was chosen from 143 entries from 30 different countries.

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Taking a piece of Turkey home

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

ANTALYA, Turkey — There's a story told, perhaps apocryphal, perhaps not, about Israelis who visit this charming Mediterranean port city in droves.

Not only do the ubiquitous Israelis get their fill of the splendid scenery and cuisine, many also take their fill of Turkish mementoes, like hotel linen, towels, even drapes. Some saucy sabras have been known to bring home water faucets and other plumbing fixtures, while one enterprising Israeli came back for a second visit — armed with a tool kit, the better to remove the more stubbornly-attached bathroom fixtures.

Israeli consul general Itzhak Shoham discounts the stories, though he does not deny them, saying he can recall only one or two cases of "difficulties" caused by Israeli visitors.

The Turks don't seem to mind the visitors' hijinks, given that in 1994, 350,000 Israelis made Turkey their destination of choice.

With numbers like that and the dollars that are left behind, it's easy to overlook relatively minor misdeeds.

The sound of Hebrew-accented English and just plain Hebrew is heard everywhere in Turkey, particularly in the quaint port city of Antalya, one of Turkey's fast-growing tourism meccas.

Israelis contribute mightily to the Turkish economy and for their part, the Turks offer Israelis remarkable value for their dollar. On a recent visit to Turkey, only a two-hour flight north of Israel, we were told that airfare and five nights accomodation in comfortable hotels in Antalya set Israelis back about $350 US.

At a hotel in Lara, just east of Antalya, Israelis and Germans coexist cheek by jowl, with a smattering of Englishmen thrown in. Hotel billboards reflected that tourist traffic, with announcements posted in Hebrew (Motti's group will meet around 9 o'clock for a tour) smack dab next to a more urgent notice in German, headed with the harsher "achtung."

It's easy to see why Antalya is so popular.

The city's old port is surrounded by a medieval stone wall on a bluff above, while two breakwaters frame the port below. Single and twin-masted yachts and the odd fishing boat lay at anchor in the bright blue water.

The view of the port is beautiful at sea level but is absolutely stunning from atop the old city walls. Highly recommended is the Hisar Tesisi, a restaurant at Cumhuiyet Meydani P. Kutusu 216 with terraces overlooking the port and the city wall. The restaurant is set in a former fortress that dates back several centuries to Seljuk times, with an outdoor balcony that overlooks the port.

The restored old city, called the Kaleici, is a maze of cobbled streets and 17th century Ottoman houses and shops. Perfect for a stroll.

Shoppers take note. Shopping is much more relaxed than in most Mideastern locales. Turkish merchants will bargain ("best price, first customer," even if it's 6 p.m.), but they do take No for an answer without any hard feelings.

Antalya can serve as a base for several day and half-day trips nearby. Aspendos, about 50 kilometres to the east, is the site of a magnificently preserved Roman theatre that seated 15,000. The acoustics are first rate, as a climb to the nosebleed section will attest.

Travelling west of Antalya, visitors are treated to numerous beautiful panoramas as the coastal highway skirts secluded coves, rises to present vistas of the azure blue water below and is surrounded all the way with rough-hewn rock on either side of the road.

Southwest of Antalya is the ancient port of Phaselis at the foot of Mt. Tahtali (part of the Toros range). The city, whose heyday was early in the common era, is well preserved in a dreamlike setting. It features three separate harbors and the area is studded with the remnants of aqueducts, public squares, baths, a theatre and other ancient ruins.

The road from Antalya to Kas is a constant delight with the view overlooking Kas, a fishing village on the Mediterranean, particularly memorable.

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Sotheby's offering collectors' Judaica

NEW YORK — On June 29, Sotheby's in New York will offer property from the collection of the late Michael and Doris Zagayski.

The sale of this extensive array of Judaica, 19th and 20th century paintings and sculpture, antiques, silver, rugs, furniture and decorative arts will benefit the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

The bulk of the items will come from the contents of the Zagayski home in Palm Beach, Fla. This includes Marc Chagall's *David with the head of Goliath*, work by Jacques Lipchitz.

Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

One of the first and most persuasive successes of the League of Nations, the international political body that prefigured the United Nations, was the resolution of the Aland (pronounced "Oh-land") Islands question in 1921.

This archipelago of about 10,000 islands, some 6,500 of which have names, is usually represented as a mere dot on the map midway between Finland and Sweden in the Baltic Sea.

The westernmost extremity of the Russian Empire until 1917, Aland's Swedish-speaking people initially sought to rejoin their mother country, Sweden. Ultimately, they became an autonomous, demilitarized province of Finland with their own flag, postage stamps and parliament.

After arriving in Helsinki recently on a direct Finnair flight from Toronto, I went to Turku, Finland's second-largest city. There we boarded an enormous Viking Line ferry (capacity 2,500) that powered westward for four hours to the Aland's capital, Mariehamn, a pretty maritime town of 10,300 with the antique sailing ship Pommern dominating the harbor.

Major sights of interest include the outstanding Maritime Museum adjacent to the Pommern, the partially restored medieval Kastelholm Castle, and the ruins of Bomarsund, a vast Russian fortress built to protect the Baltic gateway. Once populated by Russian soldiers, Bomarsund was blown up by British and French forces in 1854 during the Crimean War.

Bring good hiking boots

Many relics of Aland's military past survive, including portions of the fortress's thick walls and gigantic towers, rows of cannons, and several military cemeteries of various religious denominations. Good hiking boots are required for anyone wishing to visit the isolated Jewish cemetery, situated about a 40-minute trek into the bush. Only six gravestones are still visible at the site, which dates from the first half of the 19th century.

Bicycles and boats are highly popular modes of transport across these islands, whose rocky terrain and tall pines resemble Ontario cottage country. The Alands are serviced by regular and inexpensive ferries from Sweden and Finland.

According to Roger Nordlund, who sits on the executive council of the Aland government, the Crimean War was "something that just happened here." The province's former status as an outpost of the Russian Empire seems almost as remote as its earlier importance to the Vikings of a millenium ago, who used the islands as a stopover on journeys to Russia and Asia.

Nordlund's grandmother, born 85 years ago when the Aland Islands were part of Russia, could speak Russian. "Apparently, she and her sister played with the Russian soldiers, who treated them very nicely. That seems amazing to me because Russia and the Russian system seem so far away now."

Predilection for vodka

Alanders, who number about 26,000, are highly protective of their territory and culture. To apply for regional citizenship, prospective citizens must live here for five years, speak Swedish and apply for Finnish citizenship first. Only citizens can buy land, a measure designed to prevent the islands from becoming a summer playground for wealthy non-islanders.

Most Alanders know Finnish but prefer to speak Swedish; however, they still have many affinities with the Finns. Chief among these are a predilection for vodka, strong beer, reindeer meat, herring, flatbread and smoke saunas. As well, they presumably share the internal fortitude to survive the dreary darkness of December, when the sun hibernates.

The corollary is that many Alanders (like their counterparts on the Finnish mainland) seem to do largely without sleep in June and July, when the days grow long and the sun slips beneath the horizon only briefly each night. Bars, cafes and sidewalks are busy throughout the elongated twilight. Each evening, the orange-red ball of the sun hangs forever in the sky, as though the world has been plunged into suspended animation.

For more information on travel to Aland or the rest of Finland, contact the Finnish Tourist Board, 1200 Bay St., Suite 604, Toronto M5R 2A5, or phone 416-964-9159.

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Anne Frank House: After winning a contest, 25 young girls from around the world named Anne met each other this month in Amsterdam, and visited the house where Anne Frank and her family hid from the Nazis. The event was staged by the Dutch airline, KLM, as part of its 75th anniversary celebrations. Called Bridging the World, the contest was meant to help bring people from different cultures together by means of air transport.

Arts

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Edna Ferber Remembered: Born in 1887 to Jewish parents in Kalamazoo, Mich., American novelist and playwright Edna Ferber was a hard-working, overly modest, frequently self-effacing writer who read the critics too carefully and was too easily wounded by their sloppily-aimed slings and arrows.

Edna Ferber 1923

Convinced, for instance, that no one would want to read her novel *So Big*, she advised her publisher, Doubleday, that it was not worth publishing. Doubleday disagreed — and so did the committee that awarded her the Pulitzer Prize for *So Big* in 1924.

Likewise, Ferber initially thought it preposterous that a musical theatrical production could be based on her 1926 novel *Show Boat*. In the gay 1920s, musical theatre was lighthearted fare that rarely touched serious social issues. *Show Boat*, by contrast, dealt compassionately with miscegenation, racial prejudice and wife desertion.

The novel was an instant bestseller, prompting more than a dozen translations as well as radio serializations, stage plays and, in 1927, the masterful musical by Jerome Kern and Oscar Hammerstein. But it also prompted an astonishing number of lawsuits that were largely without merit. As the author wrote in her 1939 autobiography *A Peculiar Treasure*:

"Practically everyone in America — or so it seemed to me — now threatened to sue me for something or other they professed to find in the novel *Show Boat*. River captains I'd never heard of said I had used their boats; descendants of riverside saloon keepers announced that in using their ancestors' name I had defiled their fair escutcheon and wrecked their political careers; gambling-house owners threatened injunctions; and as a final horror there came a legal messenger from Cardinal Mundelein, of Chicago, saying that the chapter on the Chicago convent school to which Kim Ravenal was sent was an affront to the Church."

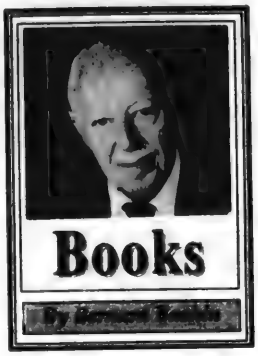
Despite this, *Show Boat* has become a revered piece of Americana with its own well-deserved niche in U.S. theatrical history.

Ferber, who died in 1968, also wrote *Cimarron*, *Saratoga Trunk* and *Giant* — all best-selling novels that were made into motion pictures — and co-wrote two plays, *Dinner at Eight* and *Stage Door*, with George S. Kaufman. But it is *Show Boat* that is arguably her best-remembered work, thanks largely to Kern and Hammerstein.

The last seven decades have seen literally hundreds of productions of the musical around the world. The latest major revival opened at the North York Center for the Performing Arts in October 1993 in a version produced by Garth Drabinsky of The Live Entertainment Co. and directed by Harold Prince. Again, the musical raised the ire of a gang of misguided protestors who, angry and implacable, accused the musical of being racist and — more outrageously — voiced the unprecedented charge that Edna Ferber's novel, much beloved for 70 years, was nothing more than "hate literature."

The Drabinsky-Prince production of *Show Boat* went on to win rave reviews and break box-office records. Although it closed in North York on June 11, it is continuing to play to near-capacity houses in New York, where it has won critical acclaim from even the American black press. Earlier this month, it garnered two coveted Tony Awards, for Best Director and Best Revival of A Musical.

Ferber would likely have been as agitated by the controversy as she would have been astounded by the musical's renewed success. She might also have been comforted at the power of large voices to resound down the ages while small voices die out even as their echoes fade. Eye On Arts congratulates Toronto's Garth Drabinsky, whose previous Tony Award for *Kiss of the Spider Woman* now has a well-deserved companion.



Books

I Am Come Into My Garden, by Allan Wargon (Somerville House, $24.95).

For the past 20 years Allan Wargon has been a virtual recluse. In his search for peace and solitude he built a home in a quiet, wooded section of Southern Ontario farm country. There he has busied himself with organic farming and creative writing.

Prior to his present life he was a successful film-maker and producer of TV shows.

Now, 70, he has written his first book based largely on his own life experience. Set down in lyrical prose — a kind of prolonged ode in free verse — it is a richly dramatic story about one man's need and longing for love and the unforseen problems that result when he finds it in the person of Esther. She is an independent, feisty, younger woman whose needs and inclinations are not always those of her far less flexible or pliant husband.

Basic Hebrew blessings

At one point Esther teaches her agnostic husband how to recite some basic Hebrew blessings. "She teaches it to me in Hebrew, word for word. Translated, it goes: Blessed be the Lord our God, King of the universe, who brings forth bread from the earth. For wine, I learn to say brings forth the fruit of the vine. It's simple enough, once I have it by rote, and decorative, and seems to call for some fond gesture — a look, a kiss, a touch of hands, that for a moment makes us mindful of each other before we begin to eat."

In beautifully cadenced brief paragraphs the author depicts a range of emotions in a tempestuous marriage. These include joy, mistrust, anxiety, truculence, contentment, jealously and gratitude.

When Esther invites her friends and neighbors to a seder, he is angered by her preemptory manner and decides not to attend. Afterwards, he decides, in an act of contrition, to clear up the post-seder mess.

"The dining room tables have been pushed back, chairs and benches overturned, sugar, crumbs and napkins scattered. The kitchen is cluttered with uneven stocks of dirty dishes, piles of platters, roasting pans, dozens of glasses with dregs of wine. A heap of greasy cutlery is soaking in the sink, while on the stove, congealed, are breakfast remnants of matzos and eggs. A disorder as complete as between Esther and me."

The book reaches its climax with the birth of a son to the exultant couple. "Her face is radiant; and as I look at it I see that sunlit joy, that passion, verve, wit, bright mind, free, wild spirit I first fell in love with. And, unbidden, that love comes stealing over me."

Without much of a plot or exciting high moments the reader is rewarded with Thoreau-like observations on the wonder of love, the mystery of sexuality, the beauty of an ever-changing landscape, the differing temperaments of men and women and the inexorability of death.

This is a book that should be read and savored slowly. It has important lessons to teach about life and love.

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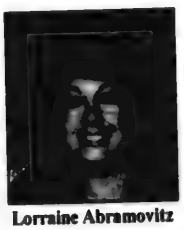
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285 SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Health Fair "The Caring Community & Prevention. I p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Service Display Rms 2 & 3. 4:15 - 7 p.m. KEYNOTE SPEAKERS & program. Andrea Stevens Levine, Addiction Research; Katherine Pigott, Ontario Health Community Secretariat, Earl Bales Park, 4169 Bathurst St., June 21, 1995

330 OBITUARIES

CORRECTION: Obituary of Ruby Permut, May 26. The address for the Preee Foundation was given incorrectly. Address should be:

Preee Foundation
Lawrence Plaza
P. O. Box 54061
North York, Ontario
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Feison, Sidney on June 7, 1995, late of 35 Canyon Ave. #1805
Kaplan, Shep on June 7, 1995, late of 4266 Bathurst St.
Silverberg, Ida on June 5, 1995
Zeman, Dr. Ernest on June 8, 1995, late of 131 Beecroft Rd. #1707
Waintman, Ethel on June 9, 1995, late of 3270 Bathurst St. #324
Niman, Max on June 9, 1995, late of 39 Romney Rd.
Shadlyn, Morris on June 9, 1995, late of 1131 Steeles Ave. w. #912
Klein, Peter on June 10, 1995, late of 177 Clanton Park
Waxman, Lottie on June 10, 1995
Naiman, Molly on June 10, 1995, late of 35 Canyon Ave. #1111
Zupnik, Julia on June 10, 1995
White, Irving on June 10, 1995, late of 880 Lawrence Ave. E.

Steeles Memorial Chapel

Fae Cracower on May 11, 1995, late of 55 Ameer Avenue
William Coldoff on May 13, 1995, late of 777 Eglinton Ave. W. #304
Mannie Brown on May 12, 1995, late of 222 Rosemary Road
Libby Brown on May 12, 1995, late of 222 Rosemary Rd.
Louis Friedman on May 14, 1995, late of 5935 Bathurst Street
John Leibel on May 16, 1995, late of 104 Waterloo Avenue
Nathan Bongard on May 16, 1995, late of 6010 Bathurst St.
Murray (Moishe) Zionce on May 15, 1995, late of 109 Fontainbleau Drive
Dora Grafstein on May 16, 1995, late of 54 Neptune Dr. #3
Ann Weisman on May 16, 1995, late of 57 Castlebury Cres.
Harold Parr on May 17, 1995, late of 319 Hillhurst Blvd.
Gwendolyn Routbard on May 17, 1995, late of 5430 Yonge St.
Edward Rothenberg on May 18, 1995, late of 360 Deloraine Ave.
Max Melman on May 17, 1995, late of 28 Argonne Cres.
Gladys Shapero on May 19, 1995, late of 15 Canyon Ave. #1206
Ida Bowmile on May 19, 1995, late of 4866 Bathurst St., #304
Jack Austin on May 21, 1995, late of 350 Lonsdale Rd. #209
Helen Schacter on May 23, 1995, late of 3800 Yonge St. #719
Nachman Katz on May 22, 1995, late of 7440 Bathurst St. #406
Abraham Zeldin on May 24, 1995, late of 121 Dewbourne Avenue

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Dr. Harold Levita, D.D.S. ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 25th 11:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Beth Lida Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Samuel Grunberger ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 25th at 10:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
(Bathurst South of Steeles)
Clanton Park Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
WOLF FISH ז"ל
beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grand-father
will take place
Sunday, June 25th at 12:00 noon
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Lodzer Congregation Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
PAUL RIGOR ז"ל
beloved father and grandfather
will take place
Sunday, June 25th at 11:00 a.m.
Holy Blossom Memorial Park
40 Brimley Road, Scarborough
(South of Eglinton Ave. E. & North of St. Clair Ave. E.)
Section 43 - Line 25
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Bessie (Sprintza) Pollock ז"ל
will take place
Sun., June 25, 1995 10:00 a.m.
Dawes Road Cemetery
Aper Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Jennie Libitz (Miller) ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 25th 10:45 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Avenue
Beth Sholom Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the loving memory of the late
BELA SIWEK ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 25th 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Zaglembier Section (new section)
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
Sidney Waterman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 25th 12:00 noon
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Beth Emeth Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Molly Soberman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 25th 9:45 a.m.
Dawes Road Cemetery
Anshei, New York, Section 104
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
MORRIS ENGLISH ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 25th 11:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Court Topaz Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Ralph I. Kochberg ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 25th 11:30 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Canadian Hebrew Benevolent Society Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
ALLAN GREENE ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 25th 10:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Lipsher Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the loving memory of the late
BEN OLSHINKA ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 25th 12:30 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Avenue
Independent Friendly Workers Circle Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Nathan Sosnovich ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 25th 11:45 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Aper Society Section
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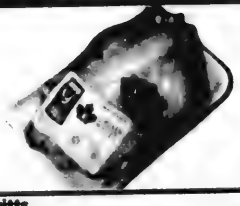

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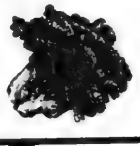

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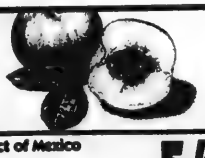

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Volunteers

Making a Difference in Our Community

"Not one of us can do this work alone..."

noughts on Volunteers

Rabbi Wayne Allen
President, Toronto Board of Rabbis

The Talmud (Kiddushin 40b) records a second century debate on what is more important, study (*Talmud*) or action (*Ma'asseh*)? Rabbi Tarfon answered that action is more important than study. Rabbi Akiba retorted that study is more important because study leads to action. The sages finally agreed with Rabbi Akiba, not because action is of lesser value, but because it is of ultimate value. That is why the Tosafists (ad. loc. s.v. "Talmud") explain that once a person has learned the basics of Judaism, action - *Ma'asseh* - is always preferred.

Between Chapters 35 and 38 of the Book of Exodus the word *Va-ya'as*, "he made," appears no less than 39 times with regard to the construction of the Tabernacle. It would only have been necessary to mention the verb once, followed by a list of all the things made. That Bezalel, the master craftsman of the Tabernacle, had made them all would have been understood. But the Torah was not content with that approach. Instead, the action word was mentioned time after time to emphasize that what we do is important and worthy of recognition. Each and every action undertaken for the benefit of the community ought to be properly acknowledged.

That is our task in the Jewish world today. As a community we need to publicly recognize the host of volunteers whose actions are important and worthy of our approbation. Tirelessly and without remuneration, men, women and children devote themselves to the betterment of our community and to the service of their fellow Jews and fellow citizens.

In the traditional liturgy, every Shabbat includes a prayer for congregations and communities everywhere who provide for the ritual needs of synagogues as well as for the poor. The prayer expresses the hope that those who are "faithfully involved in the needs of the community" will be protected from harm and absolved from sin.

It is indeed a remarkable prayer because it is so theologically problematic. A tradition that does not recognize forgiveness of sin through the prayers of third parties seems to make an exception for those who are involved in communal affairs. In his commentary to the fifteenth century code of Jewish law, the *Tur* (Orah Hayyim 284), Rabbi Joseph Karo notes that these charitable causes are stressed and the reward for charitable work exaggerated in order to show the members of the congregation who hear this prayer how great is the reward for those who provide for the needs of others. By publicizing this fact, the aim of the liturgy is to stimulate others to emulate their deeds.

Today, as much as in the past, our community needs to add to the ranks of those who are "faithfully involved in the needs of the community" and at the same time recognize those whose service has enriched us all.

A Salute To Our Community's Volunteers

by Francie Storm, Chair, Department for Human Resources Development, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Department for Human Resources Development is pleased to be part of this community-wide Volunteer Recognition Project to acknowledge the contribution to voluntarism of 59 outstanding individuals from across the Jewish community.

The work of the Department for Human Resources Development focuses on the community's greatest asset: our people. We recruit, place and provide continuing training and recognition to volunteers within the Federation and its family of beneficiary agencies.

There are over 400 organizations in the Jewish community which are supported by several thousand volunteers, the backbone of our community. Without the care, dedication and countless hours of service provided by these volunteers, our organizations could not provide the quality and breadth of service which they are able to provide today.

We are all in the business of making our community a better place to live. The day-to-day work of people helping people cannot be overstated. We, in the Toronto Jewish community, are indeed fortunate - not only do we have organizations which provide programs and facilities to those who require them, but we have special people who are willing and able to give of their time, energy and resources to maintain them!

This Community Recognition is a tribute to 59 individuals who represent their respective organizations for recognition in the community-at-large. They are a shining example of the calibre of individuals who dedicate themselves to their organizations. **It is in this spirit, that by honouring these individuals, we also praise the work of all the volunteers in all of the organizations throughout the Jewish community of Greater Toronto.** We are truly blessed and take great pride in their marvellous contributions. *Kol Hakavod* to everyone!

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At a time in our history when more people have entered the work force, one might imagine that voluntarism would be a thing of the past. While it is true that recruitment of volunteers has become more difficult, the calibre of volunteers and the commitment to their tasks have continued to be exceptional.

The Jewish community of Toronto can boast of having a plethora of institutions that serve the many needs of our diverse Jewish population. However, it can be said, unequivocally, that the health of our organizations is dependent upon the dedication, enthusiasm and commitment of the volunteer sector.

Legions of hard working men, women, children and young adults commit themselves to time-consuming activities that strengthen the causes they support as well as create a strong and vibrant community. By their model of dedication and involvement, they are passing on a Judaic tradition of service to the community that will ensure a richness of Jewish life for future generations.

They are to be saluted for their invaluable contribution to enriching the quality of Jewish life in Toronto and through their untiring efforts ensuring the continuity of our community.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the entire Jewish community thank these very special people, our volunteers, for making a difference. May they be blessed with good health, long life and strength to continue the important work of serving our community.

Sandra Brown
President

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Message from
Michel Dupuy, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Canadian Heritage

It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the vital presence of Jewish volunteers in the community.

The task of ensuring the well-being of a large community cannot be accomplished without the crucial participation of the many volunteers who devote their time and energy on behalf of their fellow citizens.

Canada's growth and development into one of the most admired countries in the world did not happen by accident. Our success as a nation came about because, from the beginning, we saw the advantage of working together with the thought of the common good as a prime incentive for our labours. Canadians' willingness to contribute their efforts as volunteers in many fields of activity has been a determining factor in our success as a nation.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I am proud that my department has been able to assist in promoting voluntarism to the benefit of all Canadians. My thanks to all the volunteers in your community. Please accept my very best wishes for the success of your future endeavours.

Michel Dupuy

Canada

Volunteers Receive Them

Sydney Eisen Named 'Sadowski' Winner

Professor Sydney Eisen, this year's most outstanding community leader. The Ben Sadowski Award of Merit, presented by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, is the community's most prestigious service award.

York University History and Humanities Professor Sydney Eisen has received this year's prestigious Ben Sadowski Award of Merit.

Sydney is a former Faculty of Arts Dean at York, who was instrumental in establishing the university's Jewish Studies program, recruiting the first teachers of Judaica and assembling Jewish course offerings.

He also helped found the Centre for Jewish Studies, to develop new areas of teaching and research in cooperation with the community at the Jewish Teachers' Education Program. The program, unique in North America, offers degrees in both Jewish and non-Jewish studies in conjunction with the Board of Jewish Education.

In addition to his York University contributions, Sydney has been active with the Federation, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, Associated Hebrew Schools and the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Leadership Development Award winners Barbara Bank (centre) and David Barkin with Francie Storm, Chair of the Department for Human Resources Development. LD awards were established to encourage the assumption of community leadership by young men and women and are presented each year to those who demonstrate extraordinary community commitment and service.

Leadership Development Awards Presented

BARBARA BANK

Last year's UJA Women's Campaign Chair, Barbara is this year's Co-chair of the UJA Business Cabinet.

Currently National Chair of The March of the Living, Barbara is also involved with Baycrest, the Mount Sinai Women's Auxiliary and United Synagogue Day School. Because of her reputation for hard work and humour, Barbara is among the community's most popular volunteers.

"Each time I volunteer I come away with much more than I have given. I have also learned an invaluable lesson — the work that we do together is holy. It is life-giving and life-building. I have discovered who I am and who I must continue to be."

DAVID BARKIN

David is President of the Jewish Camp Council, Chair of the Federation Leadership Development planning committee and an active UJA canvasser.

He is a Leadership Development graduate who takes on community volunteer tasks with enormous energy, commitment, compassion, honesty and insight.

"Volunteering is my passion. I can't imagine a hobby from which I could derive greater pleasure. I'm particularly excited about Co-chairing Leadership Development as the program's participants represent our future community leadership."

Shem Tov Award Recipients

The Shem Tov Awards are presented each year at Federation's annual meeting to leaders representing the highest levels of excellence in volunteer service to Toronto's Jewish community. Pictured are recipients (from left) Robert Berkovitz, Aaron Landau, Dr. Marvin Nash, Beverly Lyons, Rosanne Ain, Elly Gotz, David Green and Garry Foster.

ROSANNE AIN

Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

A graduate and past Chair of the Federation's Leadership Development Program, Rosanne is currently Chair of UJA's New Gift Cabinet. She has been involved with the Federation at several levels, the Board of Jewish Education, Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and is a former International Chair of The March of the Living.

ROBERT BERKOVITZ

Reena Foundation

A Reena volunteer since 1986, Robert recently served as the organization's Chairman. He has been a driving force behind Reena's new headquarters, the Toby and Henry Battle Centre in Thornhill. He strongly believes in integrating developmentally-handicapped individuals into the community.

GARRY FOSTER

Jewish Family & Child Service

Garry has just completed a two-year term as President. Faced with the need for fiscal responsibility without service cutbacks, Garry introduced a new strategic plan that will serve as a road map for JF&CS during the next three years.

ELLY GOTZ

Holocaust Remembrance Committee

During his many years of involvement with the Committee, Elly, a Holocaust survivor, has spoken to thousands of students about the Holocaust. Elly helped found the Christian Jewish Dialogue sub-committee which he has co-chaired for a decade.

DAVID GREEN

United Jewish Appeal

David's connection to UJA covers nearly half a century. He is a Chairman of UJA's Golden Givers Program, which honours contributors with at least a 25 year history of giftgiving. He is an award-winning fundraiser who has collected hundreds of thousands of dollars for the community.

AARON LANDAU

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living

Aaron has provided more than a decade of service to the Centre. He served on several committees before becoming President and then Chairman. Aaron also volunteers for Holy Blossom Temple, the Casa Loma Historical Committee and the Inner City Angels. He is a recipient of a City of Toronto Community Service medal.

BEVERLY LYONS

Jewish Vocational Service

Beverly is Immediate Past President with a 15 year history at the agency. Her other volunteer activities include Chair, Federation's Commission on Jewish Education, Alzheimer's Foundation, Kidney Foundation and Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

DR. MARVIN NASH

Jewish Camp Council of Toronto

A board member since 1968, Marvin is an active Past President in Council affairs. His presidency coincided with a difficult financial period which he helped overcome. Every summer, Marvin is available to load camp buses and calm frightened first-time campers. He also volunteers for the Ontario Association of Optometrists.

59 VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Volunteers are our community's front line service providers. They play a key role in shaping the future of a dynamic community of excellence. Our society simply cannot afford to pay for all the important functions that we depend on volunteers to perform. Without our volunteers, many services would not be provided and our quality of life would be compromised.

These men and women represent the spirit of voluntarism across the broad spectrum of our Jewish community; volunteers who engage in their work directly — people to people. Individually they are the builders and shapers of our future but their collective spirit is integral to the success and productivity of quality Jewish life.

Their personal expressions of commitment to Klal Yisrael are translated into action through their volunteer involvement in our community organizations. Meet 59 volunteers who are making a difference...

Gloria Clamen,
Chair, Volunteer Recognition Project

1 • Adath Israel Congregation

Herman Gottesman

"Every Jew has the responsibility and obligation to volunteer and support Jewish causes in the community not just for him/herself, but for the children, grandchildren and the generations to come."

2 • Aish HaTorah

Harold Nashman

"I believe in Aish HaTorah's commitment to Jewish continuity. It is rewarding that one's role in an organization can actually make a difference. The Rabbis and staff are a great source of inspiration and motivation for all the volunteers."

3 • All For One Mutual Benefit Society

Irving Soloway

"Our diminishing membership has not destroyed the will to serve our members and the Jewish community here and in Israel through voluntarism, our dedicated resource."

4 • Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity

Dr. Ira Marder

"My spirit of voluntarism is due to having benefited from the Toronto Jewish educational system, its Torah values, and especially from my home upbringing. These instilled in me the ideals of contributing of one's self and one's own to others."

5 • Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto

Louis Greenbaum

"To me, Tzedakah is much more than giving money. Voluntarism is part of Tzedakah. My involvements represent a personal commitment to promote Jewish education, Jewish continuity, and communal organizations here and in Israel."

6 • Bathurst Jewish Centre

Sadie Sobel

"I love dealing with people. I would continue to run the seniors' lounge everyday even if there was no volunteer recognition."

7 • Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care

Lou Stillman

"Volunteering is one of the few areas where the return surpasses the investment - the satisfaction, warmth, gratification received makes it time well spent. Baycrest has a diversification of areas to choose from, and I like the variety."

8 • Beit Halochem Canada

Berny Weinstein

"I have been involved with Beit Halochem since 1975. Our paramount objective is helping Israel's disabled war veterans resume normal life quickly, giving them the necessary assistance for their physical and emotional rehabilitation. I have been rewarded tenfold for my efforts."

9 • The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living

David Magil

"I believe it is important for everyone to give something back to the community. It is educative and gratifying to work with other volunteers and professionals to enrich the lives of others."

10 • Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation

Kurt Schiller

"I am a Holocaust survivor and because of the way I was brought up, now that I am able to help others, I feel the responsibility to do so. I do volunteer work to make up for the time I was unable to help others."

11 • Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue

Ralph Snow

"In the eventide of my life, I believe even more that we must give of ourselves and our possessions for the privilege of staying alive."

12 • Beth Tikvah Synagogue

Arnold Borts

"While my present community involvement is mainly with Beth Tikvah Synagogue, any voluntarism is most rewarding. On a personal level, it enhances the quality of my own life in helping others."

13 • Beth Tzedec Congregation

Judy Feld Carr

"As a synagogue leader and activist in the cause of Syrian Jewry, I believe that synagogue is the unique, basic organism that perpetuates and strengthens peoplehood. Synagogue is an integral part of the broader community represented by the concept of Federation."

14 • Bialik Hebrew Day School

Melanie Nathanson

"My dedication to voluntarism stems from my love for Bialik Hebrew Day School. I needed to give back to the school what they have given to my two sons Craig and Daryl in both education and love for Israel."

15 • Bloor Jewish Community Centre

Karen Chisvin

"In over 12 years of committee participation at Bloor JCC, I have been privileged to be a part of an agency dedicated to service in a resurgent Jewish community, and to be part of its reconstruction for the future."

16 • B'nai Brith Women of Toronto

Anna Bloom

"'People Helping People' is an important principle in my life. Through my involvement with B'nai Brith Women, I am able to help women and children both here and in Israel."

17 • B'nai Brith Youth Organization

Brian Baumal

"Volunteering with BBYO maintains my Jewish community involvement. One of the program's goals is to develop Jewish teen leadership. Providing leadership training and a sense of Jewish identity to teens is challenging, but seeing teens develop and applying this training is personally rewarding."

18 • Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University

Dr. Leona Finkler

"As survivors, my husband Arnold and I dedicated ourselves to Israel and humanity. Our special interest, Bar-Ilan University, is in the forefront of preservation of Jewish values, identity and continuity."

19 • Canadian Friends of Bikur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem

Leah Aryeh

"When I first visited Bikur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem, I was struck by its desperate need for expansion and modernization. I am grateful that I was afforded the opportunity to help it towards that goal."

20 • Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University

Dr. Ralph Halbert

"Voluntarism is part of our Jewish heritage - a value system embracing Tzedakah and other mitzvot; therefore, a segment of one's life. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is a premier research and teaching institution and has made a significant impact on its society."

21 • Canadian Friends of Peace Now

Beverley Stern

"Joining Peace Now in this community, you have to have a lot of fortitude - or be crazy - or both. But because I identify closely with Peace Now's goals and values, this is where I feel most comfortable."

22 • Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University

Ralph Snow

"In my unwavering support for the beloved State of Israel, I strongly believe that excellent, comprehensive higher education is Israel's strongest national asset to carry her forward into the future. Am Yisrael Chai."

23 • The Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science

Dr. Allan & Carol Gordon

"What has impressed us about Weizmann is the quality, vision and achievement of its people: researchers, educators, innovators, administrators in Israel, and in Canada, the equally accomplished scientists, professionals, business people and academics who number among the supporters of the Canadian Society."

24 • Canadian Society for Yad Vashem

Miriam Gelbloom

"My community involvement has been most satisfying and rewarding. I feel that a commitment to Yad Vashem is a moral obligation to 'Klal Yisrael.' By teaching the Holocaust to our youth, we can eliminate indifference, and inspire them to be proactive."

25 • Canadian Technion Society

Sydney C. Cooper

"It is essential to support the community and Israel to the greatest extent. It is vital to support Technion - Israel Institute of Technology. Its graduates, engineers, scientists, business managers and leaders in research, defence and government are key to Israel's secure continuity."

26 • Chenstochover Aid Society

Phil Skovronek

"Thanks to the Jewish institutions that gave me the opportunity to do volunteer work for my brethren in Israel and Toronto. This work has filled a void in my heart after the Holocaust."

27 • Downtown Jewish Community School

Cheryl Wetstein

"Volunteering at the DJCS has given me a greater sense of community, has allowed me to contribute to my children's Jewish education and to meet some truly wonderful people."

28 • [illegible] Academy/ [illegible] Hebrew Day School

Ellen Kessler

"Working with a child is like planting a seed - when you put in the energy, wow, what beautiful growth! And I'm learning a basic law of the universe - when you truly give, you truly get. So, it's really very selfish of me!"

29 • *Emunah Women of Toronto*

Elaine Genesove

"By volunteering, I share the role of helping disadvantaged children and new immigrants in Israel. This enriches my life, thinking beyond personal needs. It also teaches my children the meaning of 'Chesed' and 'Tzedakah'."

30 • *Hadassah-WIZO, Toronto*

Patricia (Pat) Alpert

"As Jews, it is imperative for our survival as a people and for the survival of Israel that we participate in the Jewish community. Hadassah-WIZO's mandate fulfills this responsibility."

31 • *Jewish Camp Council of Toronto*

Steven Silver

"My father has been an active volunteer throughout his life, and he taught me the need to give something back to the community. I also find that it makes me feel good."

32 • *Jewish Family and Child Service*

Jean Goldstein

"Volunteering is a continuous learning experience. I gain as much out of it as I give, or perhaps more. And there is no finer place to learn and contribute than Jewish Family & Child Service."

33 • *Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada (Toronto)*

Sydney Blinick

"The pleasure and satisfaction of associating with JIAS over 15 years can only be exceeded by feelings of hope, freedom, security and opportunity enjoyed by more than 140,000 of our Jewish 'family' brought to this wonderful land through the efforts of JIAS."

34 • *Jewish National Fund of Toronto*

Patricia (Pat) Alpert

"I take pride in my involvement with the JNF, which has been primarily responsible for developing the 'land' of Israel for 93 years. Personal feelings of self-fulfillment and seeing the accomplishments of JNF have provided ongoing impetus for my volunteer activity."

35 • *Jewish Student Federation of York University*

Dena Libman

"My volunteer work at the Jewish Student Federation has allowed me to give back to the community and is preparing me to be a leader in the Jewish community in the future."

36 • *Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto*

Elaine Zimmerman

"JVS provides people with the tools they need to enhance the quality of their work lives. My quality of life is enhanced by being a part of this team."

37 • *Jewish Women's Federation*

Agi Mandel

"Improving our world through voluntarism in organizations such as JWF and UJA empowers collectively against the impersonal and unjust fates of world events or circumstance; to make the difference in individual lives is a personal expression of my Jewishness."

38 • *Judean Benevolent and Friendly Society*

Robert (Bob) Weiss

"After settling in Canada and establishing a family business, I turned my attention and devotion to all the possible Jewish activities that I am capable of and hope to ensure the future of the Jewish community in Toronto and in Medinot, Israel."

39 • *Kehillat Shaarei Torah of Toronto*

Flo Urbach

"I enjoy working for my shul as I find it very rewarding to watch it grow and prosper and thus strengthen the Jewish presence in my neighbourhood."

40 • *Mizrachi Organization of Canada*

Max Zeifman

"To volunteer time and effort to a Jewish cause is an important mitzvah. I was brought up in the Mizrachi tradition that religious Zionism and volunteering is another way of passing on the tradition to my family and friends."

41 • *Mount Sinai Hospital*

Honours All Its Volunteers

"From our beginning as a 33-bed maternity and convalescent hospital founded in 1923 by the Ezras Noshem Society, volunteers have played an integral role in our hospital. Volunteers continue to be a vital part of our team."

42 • *National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (Toronto Section)*

Gita Arnold

"In the 31 years I have spent as a volunteer in a community organization, I can honestly admit that I have gained at least as much as I have given."

43 • *Netivot HaTorah Day School*

Shauna Tepperman

"I believe in Netivot HaTorah Day School and its educational goals. As a volunteer, I've had the privilege to contribute to Netivot's growth. In turn, the experience has enriched my life."

44 • New Israel Fund of Canada

Sharon Weintraub

"NIF has re-energized my commitment to Israel because its dedication to equity, pluralism advocacy and voluntarism reflect my values. NIF's work improves the quality of life for all Israeli citizens."

45 • Or Haemet Sephardic School

Maurice Benzacar

"I committed to plant the seed of Sephardism with its full glory in Canada. Being a small community, voluntarism takes on a greater dimension. The fulfillment of seeing our children grow as true Sephardic Jews makes every effort worth it."

46 • Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles, Toronto

Sarah Silver

"My guild offers me an opportunity to share my creative gifts with others and participate in the making of fabric wall hangings for Baycrest Hospital, our gift to the community."

47 • Reena Foundation

Cindy Lauer

"I get as much out of volunteering with the Reena Foundation as I put into it. I've seen first-hand how much people with developmental handicaps can accomplish in the community."

48 • Secular Jewish Association

Eva Goldfinger

"Inspired by great prophets and everyday heroes, I'm passionately committed to 'tikkun olam' and continuity of meaningful Yiddishkeit. Spreading the ethical messages of Secular Humanistic Judaism gives my life purpose."

49 • Senior Care/Community Services to Jewish Elderly

Marilyn Gross

"Volunteering is a rewarding learning experience for me. Being a part of the Senior Care volunteer team has given me the opportunity to work toward maintaining the good health and well-being of older adults in our community."

50 • Shaar Shalom Synagogue

Arlene Rosenblum Tennenhouse

"Shaar Shalom is truly my 'home' and its members my 'family.' I have received far more than I have given, but I believe community service is its own reward."

51 • Shaarei Tefillah Congregation

Murray Frieberg

"There is no greater satisfaction in life than to commit oneself to Jewish principles and then work to achieve them."

52 • State of Israel Bonds

Mike Florence

"Working with the State of Israel Bonds organization allows me to volunteer my time to help link Canadian Jews to Israel. Bonds play an important role in securing Israel's future well into the next millennium."

53 • Temple Har Zion

Arieh Cohen

"I follow our Torah and sages' teaching: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Temple Har Zion stands for Jewish continuity, support for Israel and social action among Jews here and everywhere including interfaith respect."

54 • Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa

Bert Cohen

"Voluntarism is a two-way street - I am helping the Jewish community and I derive a sense of fulfillment. Involvement in Loan Cassa (Business Loans) allows me to impart the knowledge acquired from years of personal experience."

55 • Toronto ORT

Kathleen Crook

"ORT's goal, to teach youth a skill or a trade so that they become self-reliant, is the pinnacle of Maimonides' eight degrees of charity. Our obligation is to help people live lives of dignity and self-sufficiency."

56 • United Jewish Appeal

Joe Lester

"I used to go out canvassing for $3 at a time. I'm lucky to be alive. I lost three brothers and my father to Hitler. Now, anytime I can do somebody a favour, it gives me pleasure."

57 • United Synagogue Day School

Shirley Worth

"Voluntarism is the 'medium' for the expression of passion that makes change possible. Through the commitment and caring of individuals, our community is stronger and more viable, helping to ensure our Jewish continuity."

58 • United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism

Morris Adams

"I believe in helping people to help themselves. That's what attracted me to Toronto Hebrew Free Loan (G'Milath Chasodim) and to Jewish Immigrant Aid Services. I love synagogue life - there's no business like shul business and the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism."

59 • Wierzbniker Friendly Mutual Benefit Society

Abe Zukerman

"My reason for volunteering over the past number of years is that having lost all my family during the Holocaust, I felt it my duty to see a strong State of Israel and a healthy and vibrant Jewish generation to carry on."

Accessing Meaningful Volunteer Opportunities

by Terri Weinstraub, Chair, Volunteer Development, Department for Human Resources Development, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

Yes, *YOU* can get involved! Are you...

- ☐ a professional who would like to share your expertise on a community board of directors?
- ☐ a student who would like to get more involved in your community?
- ☐ a retired person who has extra time on your hands?
- ☐ new to our community and would like to meet people?
- ☐ none of the above...but you don't know how or where to begin?

WE CAN HELP YOU FIND A PLACE AS A VOLUNTEER.

The Volunteer Development Committee of the Federation supplements the activity of beneficiary agencies and organizations in the area of volunteer recruitment. We like to think of ourselves as a "shopping basket" of volunteer opportunities providing information on volunteering and serving as a central resource for volunteer referrals and placement.

Persons interested in becoming a volunteer, whether or not they have previous volunteer experience, can attend a personal interview to explore the best possible opportunities based on their skills, interests and time availability. A wide range of opportunities are kept on file for policy-making volunteers, committee members and direct service volunteers. We make the referrals to the appropriate agencies or community organizations.

Each year, hundreds of new volunteers enter the volunteer arena or are redirected to new volunteer experiences. You can be one of them. **We're here for you...call us today at (416) 635-2883 ext. 137!**

Volunteer Opportunities

FRIENDLY PEOPLE to visit isolated seniors in their homes. Male visitors with Yiddish/Hebrew language urgently required.

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EXPERIENCED SPEECH PATHOLOGIST to work with school-aged children requiring articulation and language therapy.

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MALE "PALUNTEERS" to befriend a developmentally-handicapped man providing a positive role model. "Palunteers" spend quality leisure time with an individual, allowing them to build a trusting friendship.

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Have you ever thought of being a **BIG BROTHER**? Big Brothers are role models and special friends to boys aged 6-16.

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Information and referral volunteers needed to handle **INCOMING CALLS AND DROP-INS.** Opportunity to train and search online for community resources and programs. As well, printed directories and booklets of services/programs are also available. Training on the job. Additional languages an asset but not required.

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IF YOU PLAY PIANO and want to put your musical talents to good use, how about volunteering for a musical therapy program? Training provided in working with clients.

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COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS with experience and/or interest in fundraising for the Jewish Community Hospice Program.

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COMPUTER SUPPORT TUTOR with teaching experience and knowledge of Windows, Lotus, DOS.

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MOCK INTERVIEWERS to prepare clients for potential employment. Interviewing experience required.

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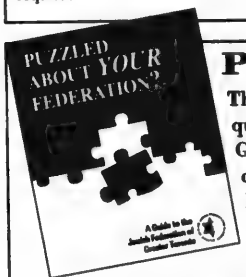
Volunteers who **SPEAK DIFFERENT LANGUAGES** to assist clients with linguistic and cultural barriers in accessing services to the community.

To explore these and other community volunteer opportunities, please call Shelly Rotman at (416) 635-2883 ext. 137.



PUZZLED?

This easy to read guide should answer your questions about the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto - how it functions, what it does for you and how you can help Federation to support the Toronto Jewish community, which is admired around the world for its quality of life.

For a FREE copy,
call (416) 635-2883 ext. 137 or fax 631-5715.

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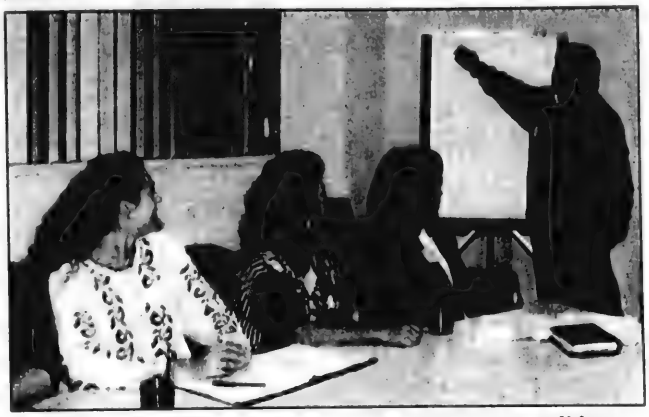

Arnold Foss leads a training session for volunteer interviewers at a recent Volunteer Coordinators Forum.

Common Goal Links Volunteer Coordinators

by Arnold Foss, Supervisor, Volunteer Program and Development, Senior Care/Community Services to the Jewish Elderly

Volunteer education, program development, effective sharing of resources, professional development and peer support are just a few of the opportunities provided through the Volunteer Coordinators Forum, facilitated by the Department for Human Resources Development of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

The Forum offers a venue for the professional staff of affiliate agencies responsible for volunteer management to dialogue and better understand each other's volunteer needs.

Working together has made it possible to organize community-wide volunteer educational events as well as opportunities for staff enrichment. Workshops have been presented on motivating volunteers, volunteer recognition, volunteer recruitment and volunteer/staff relations.

The varied experience and expertise of the Forum's membership has contributed to creative brainstorming and ideas exchange. Members share information on their agency's activities, which has resulted in joint ventures and avoiding duplication of services. The agencies have developed a closer, more positive working relationship.

Volunteering at a Community Agency

"I wanted to make a meaningful commitment and this was a good way to do it," says Lonnie Kirsh. Lonnie has been a Big Brother to a young boy for about 3 years. Once a week, they get together to go bike riding, play hockey or baseball or visit museums. All it takes is a few hours each week to make a difference in the life of a child. Being a Big Brother or Big Sister is about sharing and caring and being a friend.

BIG BROTHERS AND SISTERS come from a wide range of backgrounds and serve as role models and special friends for children who don't always get the attention and guidance they need.

by Florence Weinberger, Executive Assistant, Jewish Family & Child Service

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We'd like to welcome your new baby into the Toronto Jewish community with a complimentary kit containing:

- *a personalized Certificate of Welcome*
- *a handy guide to Jewish community resources*
- *a colourful bib with our delightful logo*

So, if you've just had a baby - or know of someone who has - we'd like to know! Call Shelly Rotman at 635-2883 ext. 137

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CJC election bylaws under review

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Herbert Marx, a Quebec Superior Court judge and former provincial justice minister, has agreed to head a Canadian Jewish Congress commission charged with reviewing the organization's bylaws.

The goal is to avoid the "abuse of the system" that marred the elections at the last plenary assembly in May in Montreal, said Congress president Goldie Hershon.

Hershon said the commission will be examining in particular the rules governing election of officers and registration of delegates to the triennial plenary assemblies.

Hershon promised to set up such a task force at the plenary in May, where she defeated Thomas Hecht by 16 votes. The credentials of some delegates were impossible to verify under the current system.

Hershon said she does not expect the commission to review what happened at the last plenary. "I think we have to go forward and tighten up the bylaws."

The bylaws, she noted, worked for 76 years because there was "an honor system ... they were never abused before."

She is convinced that the deadline for delegate registration will have to be well in advance of the plenary. (Organizational delegates were permitted to register up to and including the first day of the plenary. Delegates-at-large had been elected – or, for the most part, acclaimed – a month before.)

She also believes what constitutes a Jewish organization will have to be clarified, perhaps by drawing up a list of groups eligible to send delegates.

Herbert Marx

Who will sit on the commission and how it will proceed have not yet been decided. Basically, it is expected to make its report to the national officers within 18 months, and, if adopted, the report will be ratified by the national council, a body composed of everyone who was a delegate at the last plenary. Marx and Hershon are to meet next month to discuss these details.

Marx said he had not yet received any terms of reference from Congress. "Nothing has been spelled out ... I'm just pleased to be able to serve the community."

Marx holds no formal position with Congress.

Hershon said the commission will likely invite "those involved with [this last election]" to make themselves heard. "But we can't have hundreds of people coming forward," she said. Submissions or presentations will not be made public, she added.

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MARKING A STATE OF PEACE

Israeli and Jordanian soldiers shake hands during a ceremony earlier this week at the Wadi-Araba border to celebrate the placement of the first border marker between the two countries. *[RNS photo]*

Olmert wants talks to begin on Jerusalem's final status

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert, has called on the Israeli government to begin final status negotiations on the city now.

According to the 1993 Oslo accords, Israel is scheduled to enter into such talks with the PLO in May 1996. But in an interview here last week, Olmert said, "I'd rather do it now than later."

Olmert, a former Likud cabinet minister who is none too pleased with the Oslo peace process, claimed that Israel's "bargaining position" will be weakened if it abides by the Oslo timetable.

At the final stage of negotiations, he said, the Arabs will have greater power to pressure Israel to compromise on Jerusalem. So it is in Israel's interest to discuss the issue sooner rather than later.

In principle, Olmert opposes talks on Jerusalem. "I'm against any concessions and compromises, and the sooner we spell it out clearly to the Arabs, the better off we'll be."

Calling the government's recent suspension of land expropriations around Jerusalem a mistake, Olmert said the city requires more space to cope with an expanding population. Asked to be specific, he replied: "How much land I don't know. But we'll definitely need it."

By the end of the century, he noted, Jerusalem will be home to about 600,000 Jews and 190,000 Palestinian Arabs.

Olmert said Palestinian housing requirements will be met with the construction of 12,180 units for over 60,000 Arabs.

He scoffed at recent remarks by his predecessor, Teddy Kollek, that the suspended expropriations had been poorly timed. "If Kollek had been mayor now, he would have said the opposite."

And Olmert criticized the Likud for having joined forces with a coalition of Israeli Arab parties in the Knesset in a bid to unseat the government. "It was a mistake, even for the right reason."

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CJN Holiday

During the upcoming Canada Day holiday. *The CJN* offices will be closed Monday, July 3. The offices will also remain closed that week to allow for vacation time.

There will be no issue of July 13.

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Abella to Head Commitee

TORONTO — Former Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Irving Abella has succeeded Milton Harris as head of CJC's war crimes committee.

Harris, who headed the committee for 12 years, will remain a member.

Abella's appointment was announced by newly-installed CJC president Goldie Hershon.

Abella called on government officials to move forward on all their files involving alleged Nazi war criminals.

War Criminal Departs

TORONTO — Konrads Kalejs, a wartime member of a notorious Latvian killing squad, has left Canada for Australia, where he is a citizen.

Kalejs departed last Wednesday, hours before his visitor's status elapsed, said Immigration Canada spokesman Roger White. Kalejs was to have faced a deportation hearing on Aug. 4.

Kalejs' departure has cancelled the inquiry, White said, adding that his name will now go on a watch list as someone who is inadmissible to Canada.

In 1993, Kalejs was deported from the United States because of his involvement as an officer in the Arajs Kommando, a unit that murdered tens of thousands of Latvian Jews, Gypsies and communists.

ISRAEL

Rabbi Yisraeli Dies

JERUSALEM — Rabbi Shaul Yisraeli, one of Israel's leading Zionist thinkers, died here last Friday. He was 85.

Rabbi Yisraeli was known for his rulings on security and settlement issues. He wrote several books, winning the prestigious Israel Prize in 1990 for his contribution to Jewish thought.

He was head of the Merkaz HaRav Yeshivah as well as spiritual leader of Gush Emunim, the national-religious settlement movement.

Earlier this year, Rabbi Yisraeli teamed up with other sages to issue a halachic edict requiring soldiers to disobey orders to evacuate any parts of territories Israel seized after the Six Day War.

Tight Race: Poll

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu would receive 39 and 38 per cent of the vote, respectively, if elections had been held last week, a poll showed.

The poll also found that the Labor Party would receive 36 Knesset seats; Likud 34; Meretz 8; Tsomet 7; former foreign minister's David Levy's yet-unnamed party 5; the Third Way 3 or 4; Natan Sharansky's new immigrants' party 3; and Hadash 3.

Beilin Seeking Funds

JERUSALEM — Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin has been quietly sounding out several European countries and Japan about offering economic assistance to Syria after it reaches a peace accord with Israel, a senior ministry official told *The Jerusalem Post* last week.

Among the possibilities being raised is the rescheduling of "a few billion dollars in loans" owed by Syria, the official said.

Disapora Falls Short

JERUSALEM — The Diaspora has contributed only about one-tenth of the money needed to absorb new immigrants, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Zionist General Council last week.

"Israel has spent $3 billion [to] $4 billion on immigrant absorption," Rabin said. "The contribution of world Jewry has amounted to about 10 per cent of that. It is the average Israeli citizen that is carrying the burden."

Jewish Fertility Rate

JERUSALEM — At the beginning of 1994, Israel's population numbered 5.3 million — 81.5 per cent Jews, 14.1 per cent Muslims, 2.7 per cent Christians and 1.7 per cent Druze and others, according to government figures released last week.

In 1993, the Jewish fertility rate (the number of children women are expected to have in their lifetime) was 2.61. For Muslims it was 4.68, Christians 2.03 and Druze and others 3.76.

Immigration from the former Soviet Union, where families are generally smaller, drove down the Jewish fertility rate, the report said.

Life expectancy in 1993 was 75 years for men and 78.5 years for women, the report said.

Palestinian Denials

JERUSALEM — PLO leader Yasser Arafat ordered that $10 million be allocated to Israeli Arab parties and municipalities to form a lobby for the establishment of a Palestinian state, according to documents obtained last week by *The Jerusalem Post*.

But Palestinian officials declared the documents a forgery obtained and distributed by right-wing Israeli circles to embarrass the Palestinian Authority.

Road Unveiled

JERUSALEM — Jewish settlement activists unveiled a seven-kilometre dirt road last Monday that was secretly built over the last four months, linking a number of settlements in the Judean Desert.

Settler groups said the road is just one of several being constructed clandestinely in the territories to form blocs of settlements.

The road cost 250,000 shekels to build, with most of that coming from contributions here and abroad.

Report Denied

JERUSALEM — Israeli officials have denied a newspaper report that they had reached a secret, preliminary agreement with Syria that calls for a gradual withdrawal from all of the Golan Heights.

The prime minister's office and the foreign ministry said last Tuesday there was no truth to a report in the French weekly *Tribune Juive* that said Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, while in Paris earlier this month, signed a draft agreement on a staged withdrawal from the Golan over the next 10 years.

BGU's Canadian Chairs

BEERSHEVA — Ben-Gurion University of the Negev recently inaugurated two academic chairs with Canadian connections.

The Dr. Morrie M. Gelfand Chair in Obstetrics and Gynecology will support research into pregnancy-related disease. It was established by BGU's Canadian Associates along with the Montreal doctor's friends and family.

The David and Dorothy Schwartzman Chair in Community Development was endowed at the university's School of Social Work by 99-year-old Dorothy Schwartzman of Vancouver in her name and that of her late husband.

A Georgian Embassy

JERUSALEM — The former Soviet republic of Georgia will open an embassy in Jerusalem, according to the country's president, Eduard Shevardnadze.

He made the announcement last Monday at Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's office, where the two signed a cooperation agreement covering culture, communications and agriculture.

WORLD

Aussie Leader Dies

SYDNEY — Syd Einfeld, credited with changing Australia's immigration policy to provide a refuge for Holocaust survivors, died here last Friday, one day before his 86th birthday.

Einfeld served in both the federal and state parliaments, representing the Australian Labor Party. He also served four terms as president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry and 10 years as president of the Federation of Australian Jewish Welfare Societies.

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Baycrest, Senior Care to merge services

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Senior Care (Community Services to Jewish Elderly) have announced their intention to merge.

The two organizations are the primary providers of care to Toronto's Jewish elderly.

The plan was approved at the Baycrest Centre's annual meeting last week, and Senior Care is expected to follow suit at its annual meeting later this month.

Michael Scheinert, executive director of Senior Care, and Moshe Greengarten, vice-president of public and community affairs for Baycrest, spoke to *The CJN* at the Senior Care offices.

The intention of the merger, they said, is to provide an efficient continuum of care to the Jewish aged in the city and to their families, "to maximize independence and enrich quality of life," said Scheinert.

It is important to stress that there will be no reduction in services, Greengarten said. At first, clients and their families will not notice any change. There will be the same staff, volunteers and procedures.

"It will be a seamless change," Scheinert said.

The merge will take advantage of the different backgrounds, experiences and strengths of each organization, he added.

Senior Care services focus on maintaining the elderly in their homes, offering such assistance as housekeeping, personal care, kosher meals on wheels, intergenerational and escort programs, counselling and transportation.

While Baycrest has concentrated on institutional care, its services also include in-home assessments, medical treatment, a community centre, a day care program and chronic care. Affiliated with the University of Toronto, it is also active in research and education.

Both offer respite care, Senior Care in the person's home, Baycrest in its facilities.

The merger will make it easier for people to pass from one level of service and care to the next — or back again, as their health and circumstances permit. Someone may go from a few hours of housekeeping care to day care to the Home for Aged, for instance — or from rehabilitation in the Baycrest Hospital to meals on wheels at home and a few hours of housekeeping.

The move reflects efforts in the health care field generally to best harness shrinking fiscal resources, by the formation of "strategic alliances," as hospitals and community agencies join larger organizations, but Scheinert said this was not the main reason for it.

"We have a common goal," he said. "The challenge over the next few years will be to preserve what we have and find better ways to do what we are doing."

The first step, Greengarten said, once approval is granted by the boards, will be to have representation on each other's boards.

Two task forces will be struck, composed of representatives from both boards and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, one to determine the best governance structure for the new organization, the other to examine the coordination of operations, "to maximize the potential from the capacities of both," Greengarten said.

"You won't find such a comprehensive, integrated system of geriatric care anywhere," said Scheinert. "It will be a first."

This becomes significant, Greengarten pointed out, when one considers that the Jewish community has far more elderly than the general community, a trend which will grow over the next few years.

"The Jewish community has to respond sooner — we have to find answers to challenges they won't be dealing with for 20 years."

ICRF ISLAND BASH

The Israel Cancer Research Fund's Young Associates committee held their first Island Bash BBQ and Dance at the Valley Tennis and Swim Club in Toronto. The crowd of over 800 munched on hamburgers and hot dogs and danced the night away to the sounds of calypso music and retro favorites. The event managed to raise $21,000 for cancer research. Seen in photo (from left) Mitchell Korman, chair; Tracy Marcow, David Serraf, Nancy Mindel, Maria Fruitman, Lisa Matthews and Esti Cohen.

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Cautious optimism over Network budget changes

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Recent budget and organizational changes to Network Canada have elicited "cautious optimism" about the future of the student activist organization from its executive director Howard Katz.

The changes became effective at the meeting of the Council of Jewish Federations Canada (CJFC), held recently in Montreal.

Under the new plan, Network, which is funded by the CJFC with money collected by United Jewish Appeal, will receive $67,000 in operating expenses for the coming year.

The cut appears to represent a 33 per cent reduction in Network's former annual budget of just over $100,000. Early discussions indicated a potential budget cut of up to 50 per cent, and student members feared that Network would cease to exist.

In fact, the organization is being given more money, says Ted Medzon, chair of the CJFC campus services committee which made the recommendations.

Up to $50,000 may be made available from a reserve fund to pay Network's outstanding debts and the balance of Network's former budget is being redirected to local communities to allow students to attend Network conferences in other cities. In the past, Network itself has funded students.

In a further cost-cutting move, the Network office on Bathurst Street will close and the organization will share space in the office headed by Zac Kaye, director of central campus services in Toronto.

Kaye, who served on the campus

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From coast to coast

Congress leader Lenkinski remembered

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — He was a fixture at Canadian Jewish Congress meetings, often rising from his chair to address the issues of the day, speaking eloquently in his Yiddish-tinged accent, and framing his well-conceived arguments in the perspective developed over years of struggling for social justice.

A self-taught man whose education was cut short in his native Poland, Louis Lenkinski was remembered as someone who spoke his mind on a broad range of issues but who respected the views of others.

Lenkinski was struck down suddenly last week by a heart attack at the age of 74.

With his passing came an avalanche of testimonials from friends and colleagues.

Rabbi Dow Marmur, who delivered the funeral eulogy, recalled Lenkinski as a man who "did not crave for honors or public recognition, but accepted that the only reward worth having for performing a mitzvah is — performing the mitzvah. That's why we loved him whether or not we agreed with him.

"It did not take very long for people around him to appreciate that rare combination of brilliance and humanity, intelligence and care, passion for justice and concern for individuals which made Louis not only a competent professional but, above all, a mentsh," Rabbi Marmur said.

Speaking at his funeral, Ontario Premier Bob Rae recalled Lenkinski as "a man of great commitment, of great engagement: he knew which side he was on and he knew who he could trust to be with him and he was not afraid of anyone or anything ... He had a wonderful sense of fun and there was no one better to have at one's side in the trenches."

Lenkinski's son, Bob, who lives in Philadelphia, remembered his father as "a tough guy who was tender. You always knew where he stood, but he was not a fanatic. He always left room for disagreement. He was a man you could respect. He was never too tired to fight for what he believed in.

Louis Lenkinski

"Growing up, I always remember him with a book in his hand. He had a passion for public affairs. He was intellectually aggressive and he challenged himself all the time. That has stayed with me."

[Lenkinski] was "an articulate advocate who had an opinion on almost everything," said Moshe Ronen, chair of Congress' Ontario region. "Although he came from the ideological left, he had the respect of the ideological right because his criticism always had a constructive aspect."

"Louis was an integral part of the Congress family," said Congress president Goldie Hershon.

"Whenever he spoke it was from the heart and with commitment and fervor. His presence at the national officers and executive tables will be missed."

Lenkinski grew up in the Polish city of Lodz and was a democratic socialist and a member of the Bund from an early age. During the war, he was trapped in the Lodz ghetto. Later, he was transferred to the Czestochowa labor camp. Both his parents and a younger brother died during the war.

After liberation, Lenkinski remained active with the Bund and in 1950, Louis, his wife Helen and Bob immigrated to Toronto to join Louis' brother Yanek.

An activist to the core, Lenkinski eventually became a business agent for the upholsterers' union where he worked and later served as executive assistant of the Ontario Federation of Labor.

A longstanding officer of Congress' Ontario region, Lenkinski held many executive positions.

In recent years, he also served as a director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, where he held a number of positions.

At the time of his death, he was vice-chair of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. He was a founder and chair of the Polish-Jewish Heritage Foundation.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, sons Bob and Lionel, daughters-in-law Yael and Judith, and grandchildren Libby, Ori, Lee and Lizabeth.

A deep commitment to Jewish community

Eulogy for Louis Lenkinski
By MANUEL PRUTSCHI
Executive director
CJC Ontario region.

It is with profound sadness that the officers, the executive and the entire staff of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), mourn the passing of our beloved Louis Lenkinski.

Louis was a personal friend to so many of us. His loss leaves an empty spot in our hearts. So many intellectual discussions, on every topic under the sun, need now be left unfinished.

Louis was an outstanding community leader. His passing leaves an irreparable tear in the fabric of Canadian Jewish Congress, an organization with which he was so integrally involved. We will miss his wisdom, his point-blank analysis, and the differences of opinion, differences argued over passionately, but always with reason.

Ontario and Canada will be the poorer in a world without Louis. Like Hillel, Louis believed that "If I am not for myself, who is for me?" That is why he had a deep love for and a commitment to the Jewish community and Israel. But also like Hillel, he held that "If I care only for myself, what am I?" That is why Louis often spoke of "human solidarity" — one of his favorite phrases and a concept he lived by. He passionately cared for the plight of others whose rights were under attack or who were in need.

Louis was an example to all of us in the way he led his life, and in his service to community. May his memory, and the tangible record of his deeds, forever be a source of comfort to all of us.

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Mazon spring allocation jumps by 33 per cent

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Mazon's biannual allocations to food banks and social welfare organizations keep on growing.

Last week the group, which bills itself as a Jewish response to hunger, announced it was distributing $84,600 to 72 grassroots anti-hunger organizations across the country. The spring allocation was the largest ever made by Mazon and it marks a 33 per cent jump over the same period last year.

With each allocation eclipsing previous records and with the fall round yet to come, Mazon can expect to exceed last year's record contribution of $143,750. Altogether it has distributed $712,000 over its nine-year history.

The largest single allocation of $4,000 in the spring 1995 round went to Tomchai Shabbos of Toronto. Tomchai Shabbos' Montreal counterpart received $3,000. Other recipients included Manna Verdun Food Bank ($1,000), L'Chaim Centre for Adult Day Care in Vancouver ($1,000), the Lethbridge Food Bank ($500), the Saskatoon Food Bank ($1,000), the Twelve Basket Food Bank, Middleton, N.S. ($1,000) and B'nai Brith Hillel, Montreal ($2,500).

In other developments, Mazon announced that after a sabbatical in Israel, Rabbi Chaim Sacknovitch has rejoined the organization's board. Tammy Anklewicz and Liz Wolfe are new additions to the board.

Mazon allocates funds donated by individuals and synagogues to a variety of Jewish and non-Jewish organizations that tackle the problem of hunger in Canadian society.

Funds are raised through a variety of means, with individuals celebrating simchas being asked to donate a percentage of their food costs. Mazon also raises money by offering special occasion place cards.

B'nai Brith's Marcus to join Federation

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Paul Marcus, 33, national director of the Institute for International Affairs, an agency of B'nai Brith Canada, will leave the organization in late July to join the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto in a senior fundraising position.

Marcus, a lawyer by profession, will take on his new role August 8 and will report to Alan Reitzes, executive director of the federation. The newly created position will involve capital fundraising development.

"The federation plays a key role in preserving and enriching Jewish life," Marcus told *The CJN*, adding that he is very pleased to continue working in the Jewish community.

The Institute for International Affairs, which Marcus has directed for the past six years, has a mandate to protest the abuse of human rights worldwide, promote human rights education and advocate on behalf of Jewish communities.

"It's been a very exciting time to work in the international arena. I've had a tremendous experience at B'nai Brith," he said.

His work has taken him to places like Geneva, Switzerland, where he was a delegate to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in 1994, and Hungary, where he interviewed government officials for a study on right-wing extremism in Europe and North America.

Fundraising

His comments on international issues have been featured on national television news broadcasts and in most major newspapers in Canada.

A graduate of the University of Toronto, where he studied political science, and Queen's University, where he attended law school, Marcus also studied for one year at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

In a volunteer capacity, he is vice-chair of the committee on race and ethnocultural equity of the Town of Markham.

From coast to coast

Racism in military probed

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — The armed forces should screen potential soldiers for racist views, Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada told the public inquiry into the deployment of Canadian Forces to Somalia in separate submissions last week.

The inquiry is looking at the training, leadership and deployment of the Airborne Regiment that was sent to Somalia in 1992-93.

Canadian Jewish Congress suggested that screening soldiers for peace keeping duties would prevent a recurrence of the incidents that occurred in Somalia.

Bernie Farber, national director of community relations for Congress also told the commission that the military should be open with the public about measures it takes against soldiers or officers who engage in racist activities.

"If we are to have a level of confidence that these issues will be addressed, we need to know what action has been taken," Farber said.

The Congress delegation also commended the armed forces for adopting a policy in 1994 to deal with racist conduct. However, Hal Joffe, Congress national chair of community relations, said the policy would be stronger if it specified the consequences of various racist activities, such as membership in a white supremacist group. Consequences are inconsistent across the country because the policy grants wide discretion to commanding officers, Joffe said.

"We would like to see more teeth put into the policy to make sure that it is consistent and transparent," he said.

He added that officers should be trained to evaluate the relative seriousness of certain activities.

"There should be some form of structure so a commander would know how seriously to regard a member who has attended a meeting of the Aryan Nations," he said.

Psychological testing suggested

B'nai Brith recommended that overt racism or membership in a racist group should disqualify someone from joining the military. Similarly, a willingness to apply human rights principles might be a factor in promotions.

Karen Mock, national director for B'nai Brith, suggested that applicants to the military should undergo psychological testing to determine their attitudes.

Marvin Kurz, legal counsel for B'nai Brith said there is evidence that white supremacist groups encourage members to join the military because it provides excellent training in combat skills. And military culture, which is strictly hierarchical and based on discipline and allegiance to authority, is similar to the culture of hate groups.

While most soldiers do not identify with racist groups, he said, "We know that every hard-core adherent to hate groups sees himself as a soldier."

Mock stressed the need for human rights and cross-cultural training at all levels of the military.

Training should relate to all tasks performed by the military, she said, and should be done in a way that enhances the esprit de corps that is so important to military groups.

Cautious optimism expressed

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services committee, is considered a leading professional on the campus scene. He is torn between his support for the concept of student "ownership," which distinguishes Network from Hillel-type groups, and the financial constraints affecting all organizations.

Shai Spetgang, Network's central region chair, believes that grassroots organizations and their professionally run counterparts can "bring out the best in each other."

The money allocated to Network is earmarked for four conventions (one national and three regional) and the production of its student magazine *Future Tense*.

Medzon wants to make it clear, however, that Network is just part of the picture. Concerns about Jewish continuity have brought campus issues to the forefront. "The campus services committee is concerned with *all* students, not just those who are active," he said.

Sobolewski fights payments to Polish war criminals

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Roman Catholic survivor of Auschwitz is hoping to convince Poland's minister of justice to prevent payment of damages as compensation to two Poles who spent time in jail for the wartime murder of Jews.

Sigmund Sobolewski told *The CJN* he is offended by recent Polish court decisions that annulled the convictions of three Poles who were part of a unit that rounded up and murdered 12 Jews in May 1944. Their convictions were overturned by a Polish court because of their "activities to secure the independence of the Polish state," Sobolewski said.

One of the Poles later claimed damages for a five-year sentence that was imposed in 1952. A court in the city of Olsztyn awarded him 308 million Polish zlotys, 60 months salary for a skilled worker, Sobolewski said, "or an equivalent of 25 million zlotys for every Jew killed."

Sobolewski, who learned of the case from a front page story in a Polish weekly newspaper, said two others involved in the murders recently applied for the same compensation. Their case has been adjourned until July 15.

Sigmund Sobolewski

Sobolewski, vice-president of the Auschwitz Awareness Society, said he had written to Poland's justice minister Jerzy Jaskiernia asking for a meeting.

Sobolewski, a resident of Fort Assiniboine, Alta., said he would be in Poland to attend the July 11 meeting of the International Auschwitz Council and would present letters opposed to the compensation claim from Canadian churches and Jewish supporters.

Grzegorz Jazowksi, press attache at the Polish embassy in Ottawa, said he knew of Sobolewski's concerns and of the news accounts of the case. He said the embassy has not yet had any independent confirmation of the facts from Poland but that Sobolewski's request for a meeting would be forwarded to the justice ministry.

Sobolewski said the Polish newspaper reported that Judge Ewa Gutowska reviewed the case of Stefan Wyszkowksi on Oct. 16, 1992. He had been convicted in 1952 of "guarding the area" while 12 Jews in the village of Podosie were murdered by members of the Polish underground organization, Armja Krajowa.

Relying on legislation passed in 1991, Gutowska annulled Wyszkowksi's conviction.

"We will ask the minister of justice of Poland to use his good offices to prevent further payments for two other accomplices," Sobolewski said. "Who will understand that the Polish government is paying convicted murderers for the time they spent in jail?...This is just impossible."

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די ערשטע אינסטרוקטאזש זענען געווען דייטשישע אנטי-נאציס: קאמוניסטן, סאציאליסטן, ליבעראלן און אנדערע קעגנער פון נאציזם רעזשים. אויך זענען דארט אינסטרוירט געווארן נאכפאלגער פון דער סעקטע „יהוואהס זיינעמפעס". וועג די נידעבערגער גענעצן זענען פראקלאמירט געווארן, האבן די נאצים אנגעהויבן אריינשיקן אין דאכאו מיזשטער יידן. מערסטע פון זיי זענען אומגעקומען.

איך בין אנגעקומען אין דאכאו פון דער טשעכישער גרענעץ, צוזאמען מיט אַ בריגאדע פון 500 השפעלינגען, מערסטנטיל אנטוואַרפישע יידן. די בריגאדע איז צוזאמענגעשטעלט געווארן אין קאנצענטראציע-לאגער בוכענוואלד, וואו איך בין פריער געווען אינסטרוירט. אויסן וועג איז די באן באמבארדירט געווארן, און וועג מיר זיינען אנגעקומען אין דאכאו, האבן מיר געמוזט ארבעטן טאג-און-טאכט צו סאיבקן די רעלסן אין די בריקן, וואס זיינען באמבארדירט געווארן דורך אליאירטע עראפלאנען. אין מערץ, 1945, האבן די לופט-אסאקעס נישט אויפגעהערט — נישט ביסאל אין נישט ביינאכט.

אין לאגער האט שוין נעהערשט פולשטענדיקער כאאס, אבער די נאצי-מערדעריי-ן האבן נישט אויפגעהערט. יעדן טאג זיינען התנדערסער יידישע קאנצענטער אריינגעשיקט געווארן. מען האט זיי נעהאנגט, אן מען שיקט זיי קיין שווייצאריא אויסצוטוישן זיי פאר דייטשע נעפאנגענע. אין דער אמתן האט מען זיי נעשיקט צו די טיסולער בערג, וואו א ק' זיינען אומגעקומען פון התנגער, און די אנדערע האבן די ס.ס. ליים דערשאסן.

צווישן טעג פאר דער באפרייאונג האבן די דייטשישע מערדער פאר-שלאסן אלע טירן און פענצטער פון די באראקן. מען האט קיינעם נישט ארויסגעלאזט. די ס.ס. ליים האבן אנטערגעליינט אויפרייס-מאטעריאל אונטער יעדן באראק, מיטן ציל צו פארברענען און פאדיכטן יעדן סימן פון די פארברעכנס, וואס זיי זיינען באגאנגן. צום גליק איז זיי נישט נעבליבן נעוג צייט וועדכצופירן זייער טייולאנישן פלאן. די אמעריקאנער ארמיי האט ארומגעריינגלט דעם לאגער און אין צווישן אתט האבן זיך שוין געהערט שטארקע שיסעריין, וואס זיינען געקומען פון גאנץ נאענט.

באלד אין דער פרי האבן מיר אויפגעריסן די טירן און פענצטער און מיר האבן נעזען די אמעריקאנער סאלדאטן. די קאנצענטער האבן אויך אויפגעריסן די מאגאזינען, וואו עס האט זיך גשפתען דאס ברויט און א'סטעוודיס פליים. יעדער קאנצענטער האט באקומען א ברויט און א שאכטל קאנסערווירט פליים. די פרייד, וואס מיר זיינען עדלעך בא-פריים געווארן איז שווער צו באשרייבן. אבער די פרייד האט נישט אנ-גהאלטן צו לאנג, ווייל עס איז באלד אויסגעבראכן א דיזענטערי-קראקקהייט. א גרויסע צאל פון די קאנצענטער זיינען געווארן קראנק. סויזנטער קאנצענטער זיינען אומגעקומען. דער לאגער איז צייטווייליק געבליבן סאנטאכט.

נאך איניקע טעג זיינען אנגעקומען אין לאגער „אונרא" באאמטע און אויך אייניקע האקטוירים. זיי האבן יעדן קאנצענטער דיסצמפעקצידט און נעגעבן ספעציעלע סאבלעטן נאך יעדן עסן. די קראנקע האט מען איבערגעפירט אין ספעציעלע לאגערן. די גמזונטע קאנצענטער האט מען איבערגעפירט אין דער ס.ס. קאזערמע און מען האט אנדרז דארט גהאלטן ביז יוני 1945.

צו ביסלעך האבן אנגעהויבן צו פארלאזן די באראקן די פראצעזיון, בעלגיער, האלענדער און דייטשע העפטלינגען. עס זיינען נעבליבן פרי-לשטן, אוקראאינישע, וועלכע אין אויך יידישע קאנצענטער. א סך פון די וועלכע, פרילשטע אין אוקראאינישע האבן נישט גוהאלטן צוריקקאהרן אין זייערע לענדער. זיי האט מען אריסגעשיקט אין ספעציעלע לאגערן.

היינט-צו-טאג איז דאכאו פארוואנדלט געווארן אין א מחנות, וואס ווערט באזוכט פון שול קינדער, פון מוריסטן און פון דייטשן.

איך וועל די איבערלעבונגען פון די קאנצענטראציע-לאגערן דאכאו און בוכענוואלד קיינמאל נישט פארגעסן. מיר דארפן אויך מאכן זיכער, אַ אנדזערע קינדער און די קומענדיקע דורות וועלן נישט פארגעסן די נאצי-פארברעכנס און שטיין אויף דער וואך קעגן ראסיזם און אנטי-סעמיטיזם.

Journalists go 'surfing' on the network of hate

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — Sol Littman and his colleagues from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles took Parliament Hill by storm recently with a presentation on computer hatred that shocked even hardened old parliamentary news reporters.

In a press conference room in the Centre Block, journalists watched in stunned silence as Rick Eaton, a computer expert with the Wiesenthal Centre, led them on a tour of databases, web sites and electronic bulletin boards around the world, pulling out page after page of full-color hate literature.

Eaton, who once went under cover for the FBI in Germany posing as an American millionaire, in order to penetrate hate groups, commented on each item as he surfed the hate net.

It was all there. Toronto's Ernst Zundel, safely publishing on-line outside the law from a web site in California; Wolfgang Droege, of the Canadian Heritage Front; as well as messages of hate from every variety of skinhead, hammerskin, Ku Klux Klan and historical revisionist imaginable — all readily available to anyone with a computer, a modem and some time on their hands.

Many of the journalists didn't know what to say. It was an eye-opener. They had long equated hate literature with badly-written, poor quality, black-and-white pamphlets found under windshield wipers in supermarket parking lots.

But suddenly some very professional looking material was being scrolled up before their eyes by Eaton, with quality graphics and multi-color Germanic script headlines, presented in an easy-to-get-at format, looking for all the world like some attractive, full-color magazine.

It didn't take a genius to figure out what impact this hate material might have on an innocent young mind at home in a basement rec room in front of the computer screen.

This was precisely the effect that Littman, the Canadian director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, had wanted — to shock the journalists present into realizing the extent of the threat.

It was Littman, better known to journalists as the country's premier Nazi hunter, who forced the federal government in 1985 to set up a commission of inquiry led by Justice Jules Deschênes into Nazi war criminals in Canada. Littman named names and pointed the finger at more than 300 suspected Nazi war criminals.

The inquiry that followed exposed Canada's secret and shameful open-door policy towards Nazi war criminals after World War II. But it also opened up a lot of old wounds in the Jewish and Ukrainian communities, some of which still have not healed.

For this, and because of his often caustic style and an uncompromising approach, Littman has frequently been criticized publicly by Jews and gentiles alike.

The government eventually passed a war crimes law allowing war criminals to be put on trial, but the law proved largely unsuccessful, and Canada has returned to the practice of trying to deport Nazi war criminals.

It is not Littman's fault that the law failed or that very few of the people he named were ever arrested, let alone charged, convicted or even deported.

Now Littman has focused his attention on computer hate, bringing to this latest campaign the same energy he put into exposing war criminals. The Wiesenthal Centre in the United States has been monitoring the growing wave of hate on the Internet for some time.

Littman and Eaton were accompanied to Ottawa by Rabbi Abraham Cooper, the international dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre. They discussed computer hate with officials from the Solicitor General's Department, the Security Intelligence Review Committee and the departments of Industry and Canadian Heritage.

Littman has not been the only one to discover hate on the Internet in Canada. The Canadian Jewish Congress held a forum in Toronto last year entitled Hate in Cyberspace and later made a series of recommendations to the federal government.

It will be difficult to crack down on computer hate, Littman told the journalists. By its very nature, the Internet is not subject to supervision, regulation or sanction. But if it remains unchecked and unregulated, he warned, hatred carried on the Internet will influence innocent young minds who are the main users of system.

At his news conference, Littman formally urged that the Internet be brought under Broadcasting Act regulation by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, forcing computer servers to be required to apply for licences to operate, and setting standards of operation for the service.

Insiders on Parliament Hill say the government is unlikely to follow this advice. More likely, it will opt to treat hate messages on the Internet as telephone conversations, so as to avoid the problem of trying to regulate the Internet as a broadcasting service.

The federal government is beginning to prepare legislation to crack down on electronic hate literature. It won't be easy.

Canada's anti-hate laws already cover computer generated hate messages sent over the Internet. The problem is trying to police where the material enters the Internet. It can enter anywhere in the world. And many countries, including the United States, have freedom of speech provisions which make it unconstitutional to prevent the free expression of even hate messages.

Littman is aware of this and adds that we must still try to arrive at uniform, worldwide regulation of the Internet. It won't happen overnight, he admits, but we have to keep on trying.

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Hardly a coincidence

The Shiite fundamentalists of Lebanon recently increased the level of violence directed at Israel. Last week three IDF soldiers and one South Lebanese Army soldier met their death at the hands of the Hezbollah. Katyusha rockets rained down on the northern and western Galilee killing one person and injuring at least eight. This followed a series of rocket salvos the previous week in which a number of people were injured.

It is hardly a coincidence that the violence escalated on the eve of meetings scheduled in Washington between Israel's chief of staff Maj.-Gen. Amnon Shahak and his Syrian counterpart Hikmat Shehabi. For Hafez al-Assad, it is a trademark, simply part of his sadistic negotiating norms.

The road from Teheran to the Hezbollah in south Lebanon cuts through the Bekaa Valley, where tens of thousands of Syrian troops are stationed. Damascus controls the route carrying supplies and armaments from Iran to the Shiite fundamentalists. Most observers and experts believe that, if it wanted, Damascus could prevent Hezbollah's murderous activities. That Hezbollah is still active in south Lebanon is a sign that Damascus does not yet want to constrain them. But the Syrian dictator had better change his mind soon. The Israeli public will not countenance an agreement with him on the Golan if he demonstrates such disdain for Israeli life in the Galilee and elsewhere.

As the editorial writer for the the liberal Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* wrote: "If Assad believes the public in Israel is ready to give up the Golan Heights and also forfeit her soldiers in south Lebanon and civilians in the north to the Katyusha bombardments, he will discover he is making a mistake."

Louis Lenkinski, *Z'L*

Last week Louis Lenkinski passed away. He was a unique, wonderful man. He didn't merely swim in the current of life; he steered it. He was a man of many commitments, campaigns and causes: the Canadian Jewish Congress, the Ontario Human Rights Commission, the Ontario Federation of Labor, the CCF and the NDP. But in addition to the family he loved so dearly, he had only one true and lifelong loyalty: the advancement and welfare of his fellow human being.

Lenkinski understood that, for the ideal of justice and equity to mean anything, it had to be experienced and felt by "ordinary" people in the countless ordinary ways they lived their lives every day: in the workplace, the playground, the street and the coffeehouse. To Louis, the dignity of man was no mere postcard slogan or coffee-table book theme. It was the breath he breathed; it was the north star guiding him through his entire, active, eventful life.

But, after all the years, the struggles, the campaigns, the battles, the burdens, the joys; the commitments and the responsibilities, his heart stopped beating, unable any longer to carry forward his remarkable mind, body and soul. We are diminished, somehow lesser, now that he no longer is with us. But we and the world have been made greater that he once lived.

May his memory be forever for blessing.

Canada Day

The kind of Canada which, through his numerous efforts, commitments and labors, Louis helped to build, and for whose values he dedicated his entire life, is the Canada we must celebrate on July 1. Victimized twice – by fascism and by communism – Lenkinski cherished democracy and freedom.

And we also cherish them. For as certainly as do the mineral-laden Canadian shield, the snow-capped peaks of the Rockies, the countless fresh-water lakes and streams, the lush and verdant forests, the tundra and taiga of the north, they too form the bedrock of Canada. They are the transcendent values to which we hold true.

In our hands, mature, careful, beaten by weather and time, are those of our children, innocent, trusting and untested. In their hands they hold the hope of every parent, the dream of every sentient and caring human being, namely, the possibility of a future for self and for community that is freedom's true call: fulfilling, rewarding and free from fear or hatred.

That is the Canada which Louis Lenkinski, and all who are like-minded — adult and child — will celebrate on Canada Day.

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A "Word" About the Rebbe

Sometimes a word resonates beyond its literal meaning. Sometimes a word — one word — embodies a movement, a philosophy — even an individual. For example, the Hebrew word *emes* (Truth) means not just the honesty and integrity we associate with Truth, but also the consistency and persistence that make Truth true. The letters of the word *emes* are the first, middle and last of Hebrew alphabet; this tells us that for something to be *emes*, its reality must be evident from the beginning through to the end. That is, *emes* must be not only moral and righteous, but also tenacious and enduring. Anything else is a compromise — and *emes* never compromises. If something endures from the beginning through the middle and then almost reaches the end, but does not quite get there, it's not *emes* and never was.

The prophet Malachi connects the *emes* of the Jewish people with the immutability of G-d: "I G-d have changed and you Israel have not been destroyed." G-d who never changes chose the Jewish people to implement His plan for creation. As G-d's instrument, we have endured persecution, assimilations, all the conditions that have threatened our survival. Our continued existence is proof that we, as a people, are *emes*.

If the Jewish people are *emes* because of their role in G-d's plan, we may well ask, what is G-d's plan? What was His purpose in creation? Our sages tell us that G-d wanted to make this physical world a "dwelling place" for Himself. In other words, G-d's presence should be revealed even — especially — in this lowest of all words, the one most removed from spirituality. We accomplish this by performing *mitzvot* (Divine commands) which involve physical actions within a material world. We may also say, then, that the Jewish people are *emes* because our *mitzvot* achieve His objective for the world.

(As an aside, this explains the *emes*, the integration of the Thirteen Principles of Faith. The beginning, of course, is the belief in one G-d, the middle — the truth of Torah — *Torat emes*. The completion, what makes the structure of Judaism *emes*, is the last two principles, belief in the coming of Mashiach and belief in *T'chiyat Hameitim* — the revival of the dead.)

If the Jewish people are *emes* because of an innate connection with G-d, then every Jew, no matter how far he or she may have strayed from Judaism, is endowed with a spark of Divinity and given the mission to transform this world. But individuals are different. The Divine spark — the *emes* within — may burn brighter in some than in others. We see, for instance, the difference between Moses and the rest of his generation. And indeed, the Torah itself tells us there will always be a "Moses" in every generation — that is, one Jew who individually epitomizes *emes*, whose spark has been fanned into a fiery flame, whose every fiber is consumed with a love for G-d and a passionate desire to implement His will.

In our generation, this individual is the Rebbe.

Every tzaddik, every Jewish leader, every G-dly individual has his or her special mission which reflects the unique attribute which sets them apart from all others.

The Rebbe's particular mission as leader of our generation is reflected in the Divine quality of *emes*. The Rebbe's entire life was dedicated to bringing not just more holiness, but complete holiness into the world. The Rebbe was not content with bringing virtually all Jews onto the path of Torah and *mitzvot*; every Jew must be on the path. The Rebbe was not satisfied with disseminating the fountains of Torah to most of the far flung places on this planet; every Jew has to have access to all dimensions of Torah. The Rebbe could not rest until every Jew was out of the dark, materially and spiritually, until all of us see the complete realization of G-d's plan for the universe: a world that conforms to the highest ideals of Divinity, righteousness, knowledge and goodness.

This is the world of Mashiach!

This is the truth — the *emes* — of gimel Tammuz; the day of the Rebbe's physical passing from this world.

The Rebbe's desire to bring Mashiach was motivated by his passion for the integrity of G-d, the Torah and the Jewish people. Everything the Rebbe told us, including the prophecy about the imminence of the Redemption remains true, truly *emes*. Whatever change occured on gimel Tammuz, despite its negative appearance, the Rebbe is harnessing it into a positive force which will make the Redemption imminent and more powerful.

Gimel Tamuz is not a day of mourning, G-d forbid. It is a day when a renewed and strengthened commitment is to be made by each and every one of us who believes in *emes*, to the Rebbe and to his message. We must bring to the entire world the Rebbe's message of "*Higiyah Zeman Ge'ulatchem* — The Time Of Redemption Has arrived" and make everyone realize that as far as the Rebbe is concerned, nothing has changed, and that by adding acts of goodness and kindness, strengthening in the observance of Torah and *mitzvot* and studying the subjects of Mashiach and Redemption, we will highten our preparedness to welcome the genuine and complete Redemption, immediately!

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For a study of Rabbi Shlomo Ganzfried (1804-1886), author of the Kitzur Shulchan Aruch, I would appreciate hearing from descendants (and others) in possession of documents and reminiscences relating to that prominent scholar's life and family.

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Perspectives

The other fundamentalists

By STEVEN EMERSON

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We know, after the Oklahoma City bombing, that terrorism in the United States can take many forms — domestic and foreign, populist and insurrectionist, from those with bizarre domestic grudges to those with radical foreign agendas. The growing awareness of this threat is part of what motivated the closing of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House.

Until Oklahoma City, the consensus in the FBI was that, of the various extremist groups in the United States, it was radical Islamist groups that most gravely threaten American security. And for all the new evidence of domestic terrorism, that judgment remains the same. Over the past year alone, the FBI has created dozens of special units around the country — with hundreds of agents and analysts — whose tasks include tracking these radical Islamist groups.

A two-year investigation I recently concluded helps show why the government is so concerned. The investigation — which involved hundreds of interviews with moderate and militant Islamist officials and with law enforcement and intelligence officials, as well as the acquisition of more than 150,000 documents, publications and recordings produced by radical Islamist groups — revealed that these groups have established elaborate political, financial and, in some cases, operational infrastructures in the United states.

Because of the scope of this movement (it ranges from New York to Oklahoma to California), its bellicose rhetoric (it calls for a holy war or *jihad* against the U.S. and other governments) and its advocacy of terror to achieve its ends (it trains recruits in the use of car bombs), it's no wonder the FBI has made this network a top priority.

Islam is the fastest growing religion in the U.S., and the vast majority of Muslims in America are peaceful and law-abiding and do not condone violence. But in recent years, an extremist fringe of militant Islamism has taken root here. To avoid raising suspicion and to take advantage of civil liberties protections, these militant groups often reconstitute themselves here as "research," "charitable" or "civil rights" institutions.

Oliver B. Revell, a former senior FBI official in charge of counter-terrorist and counter-intelligence investigations, puts the objectives of these groups in no uncertain terms. "They are ultimately committed to waging holy war, both in the Middle East and the world at large against all of their opposition," he says. "And that means us."

Seif Ashmawi, the Egyptian-born American-based publisher of a bilingual newspaper called *The Voice of Peace*, concurs. "The aim of these groups," Ashmawi says, "is the same as their aim in the Middle East: to build and expand their radical religious-political empire and eliminate or discredit all their enemies, particularly Muslims like myself who don't agree with radical fundamentalists' claim to represent Islam."

Although there is no evidence that these myriad Islamist groups are centrally coordinated, it does appear that they collaborate and cross-fertilize. Evidence collected by federal investigators in the cases related to the Feb. 26, 1993, World Trade Centre bombing, for example, shows that leaders or representatives of at least five different groups — including the Palestinian-based Islamic Jihad, Hamas, the Sudanese National Islamic Front, the Pakistan-based al-Fuqrah (a black Islamist group) and groups funded by Persian Gulf donors — were involved in the plot.

Perhaps the best places to observe what brings these groups together are the Islamist coventions, held annually, often in the bland hotels and convention centres of Midwestern cities. Among the best-attended are those sponsored by the Muslim Arab Youth Association (MAYA). Founded in 1974 and headquartered in Plainfield, Ind., MAYA has evolved into an umbrella organization for militant Islamist groups around the world.

MAYA, like its parent organization, Muslim Brotherhood, embraces the belief that Western, particularly American society, is morally corrupt, intrinsically anti-Islamic and evil. "In the heart of America, in the depths of corruption and ruin and moral deprivation, an elite of Muslim youth is holding fast to the teachings of Allah," states the preface to MAYA's "Constitution," which is printed in Arabic and distributed at its conventions. A companion publication, *Guide for the Muslim Family in America*, explains: "Western civilization is based upon the separation of religion from life ... Islamic civilization is based upon principles fundamentally opposed to those of Western civilization."

Among this year's more popular lecturers was the bearded, avuncular-looking Bassam al-Amoush, a member of the Islamic coalition in the Jordanian parliament, who boasted of how his party boycotted U.S. President Bill Clinton's address to that body. "Somebody approached me at the mosque [in Amman] and asked me, 'If I see a Jew in the street, should I kill him?' " al-Amoush said, putting on a dumbfounded face. " 'Don't ask me,' I said to him. 'After you kill him, come and tell me.' " The crowd roared with laughter. "What do you want from me, a *fatwa* [religious ruling]? Really, a good deed does not require one."

Minutes later, a message was handed to the master of ceremonies, who read it aloud. A hush fell over the conference room as he announced: "We have very good news. There was an attack on a bus in Jerusalem, perpetrated by a Palestinian policeman. Nineteen were wounded and three were killed. Hamas has taken responsibility for the act." (This was on Dec. 26, when a Hamas suicide bomber blew up a bus in downtown Jerusalem. It was later revealed that only the bomber died; 12 Israelis were wounded.) The crowd responded with shouts of "Allahu Akbar!"

For al-Amoush, like other militant Islamist leaders before him, the visit to the United States provided an opportunity to raise morale and support among American Muslims for the Islamist movement worldwide. Here, unlike in his native land, al-Amoush doesn't have to worry about the authorities clamping down on him.

In Jordan, members of his Islamic coalition had come under sharp scrutiny after Jordanian police uncovered their involvement in an assassination plot against King Hussein and in efforts to supply weapons to Hamas for attacks on Israel. In the U.S., he can speak without worry. Six months earlier, he addressed a smaller gathering of fundamentalists in Detroit, where he assured his listeners that it was "certainly possible to defeat America, as the Vietnamese demonstrated." He declared America "the number one enemy and ... the Great Satan."

Many times, the incendiary speech heard at Islamist conventions remains simply an outlet for frustration and a reminder of long-standing grievances. But over the past few years, it has at times, in the eyes of a few zealots, become a call for waging a kind of holy war in the U.S. One of the first indications that a militant fringe was preparing for *jihad* on U.S. soil was an incident that took place on August 29, 1989. That day, according to FBI documents, a Connecticut state trooper stopped a vehicle carrying six "Middle Eastern persons" near the High Rock Shooting Range in Naugatuck, Conn. The trooper found a small arsenal of semi-automatic weapons and several out-of-state licence plates in the trunk. The guns belonged to the driver, a local gun dealer and former Waterbury policeman of Albanian origin, who said he was training volunteers to fight against the Soviets in Afghanistan. Since the weapons were legally licensed, no arrests were made. A computer check found, however, that the extra licence plates were registered to El-Sayyid Nosair, who later was arrested for the shooting on Nov. 5, 1990, of militant Jewish leader Rabbi Meir Kahane. After that shooting, the police found in Nosair's possession a gun license registered in the name of the same former Waterbury cop who was driving the car in August 1989.

More than two years earlier, FBI informants had reported seeing weapons in the al-Farouq Mosque in Brooklyn. But an application for a wiretap on the mosque was denied by the Justice Department. Since any escalation of the probe could be seen as violating federal guidelines that require advance evidence of criminal conspiracy, surveillance was first restricted and ultimately curtailed. Yet, unknown to authorities at the time, the al-Farouq Mosque had also become a centre for counterfeiting tens of thousands of dollars, shipping bomb components to Hamas in Israel, reconfiguring passports to enable Muslim volunteers to visit the U.S. and enlisting new recruits for the worldwide *jihad*.

In those days before the World Trade Centre bombing, the FBI was sometimes caught off guard by the Islamist threat. On Nov. 6, 1990, hours after Nosair was arrested for the murder of Kahane, police raided his New Jersey apartment and carted away 47 boxes of personal papers. But because much of it was in Arabic and deemed "irrelevant, religious" material, the contents were shelved until days after the World Trade Centre bombing. When leads in the investigation of the bombing indicated Islamist involvement, investigators returned to Nosair's cache and discovered what they had missed: a road map to an international terrorist network headquartered in the U.S., including plans he detailed in one notebok to "demoralize the enemies of Allah ... by means of destroying and blowing up the pillars of their civilization and blowing up the tourist attractions they are so proud of and the high buildings they are so proud of."

Also ignored until after the bombing were cassette tapes Nosair had made of telephone conversations between the U.S.-based holy warriors and their Pakistan-based and Palestinian counterparts and leaders. In one conversation, Abdul Rahman (apparently speaking from Peshawar, Pakistan) asks his followers in New Jersey about "camps" in the United States. On the tape, a male voice responds, "It was a success. It started Friday evening and ended Monday. It lasted three days, and we expect positive results."

The World Trade Centre conspiracy and subsequent trials have provided a rich source of materials on the extensive terrorist infrastructure in the New York and New Jersey areas. "But," says Revell, "it is only a small part of the picture. There is an extensive subterranean network in the United States of radical militants whose activities are not illegal. What we need to focus on is what these people are saying — that's the key to understanding what they will do."

Steven Emerson, executive producer of the PBS documentary Jihad in America, *is completing a book on radical Islamist networks.*

Next week, CJN *will print Part 2 of Emerson's essay dealing with Hamas in the United States.*

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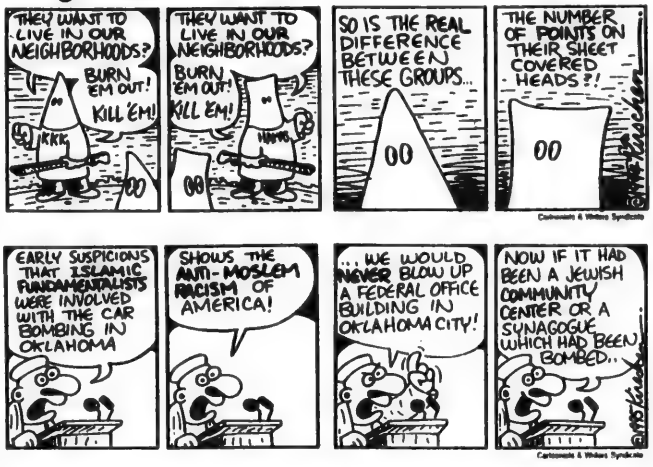
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Opinions

The Bernardo trial in perspective

Americans have been following the O. J. Simpson trial for many months now and by all accounts are beginning to lose interest in it. Meanwhile Canada has picked up the slack and occupies itself with the gruesome details of the Bernardo trial. The jurors see the horrible details while the public hears of them second and third hand.

By [illegible]

"What motivates people to stand in line overnight to be able to hear this kind of thing and watch the main actors in this dismal show?" someone asked me the other day. Psychologists have all sorts of answers, but there is no question about the objective fact that a lot of people love to see horror stories, and especially so when they are mixed with sexually explicit images. The Bernardo trial, of course, is of a different nature: Here we deal with realities and not just fiction cooked up for the benefit of the prurient.

"Well," my acquaintance said, "if you criticize this kind of interest on the part of individuals, why would you support the existence of Holocaust museums? Aren't they also showing the horrendous things that people did and the depth of depravity of which human beings are capable?"

The parallels are only on the surface. Museums are not videotapes, and they are not criminal trials but historical documents. I fully understand a Holocaust survivor who does not want to have old wounds opened again, but I will never fail to urge everyone else — gentiles and especially Jews — to look at a part of history that must be remembered. A famous saying (ascribed to various authors) warns that if we do not confront history we might be condemned to experience it once again. Holocaust museums are educational tools; they speak of human capacity for evil in a way that no text book could do. History is a powerful teacher.

For this reason I have urged people to visit a Holocaust museum whenever possible and wherever one exists. For even if it is a modest affair, it cannot fail to bring something of that reality that must be confronted and remembered.

Now of course there is a great museum in Washington, and I have suggested on earlier occasions that you make it your business to visit it. Give it enough time to render the trip worthwhile.

The one country in which there is no Holocaust museum at the present time is Germany. Germans have simply not been able to confront the past to its fullest extent. Let it be said in praise of recent governments that they have urged the new generation to look at the past clearly and without blinkers. Meanwhile, Germany is the one country where public denial of the Holocaust is a criminal offence.

There are also voices in Germany that want to be done with the past and claim that this constant reminder of what once went on lessens national pride and keeps alive something with which the present generation had nothing to do. So far, those who want to remember their yesteryears are having the upper hand, and a German Holocaust museum would be a powerful tool to keep it that way. In addition, it would constitute a major blow at "historical revisionism," that is, the denial of the Holocaust.

If and when it is built, it will not appeal to the kinds of sentiments which bring visitors to the Bernardo trial. The latter go for the thrill of it. But visitors to a Holocaust museum see what one nation did a half century ago. It means confronting the past and thereby oneself. Any comparison with the Bernardo trial draws a false psychological and historical parallel.

Hoping to legalize anthem

What is the legal national anthem of Israel?

If you replied spontaneously, *Hatikvah*, you are wrong. Israel has no national anthem legally approved as such. When the state came into being in 1948, the anthem of the Zionist movement was carried over and purely by default, it became the anthem of the state. It enjoys no legal status whatever. In contrast, it should be noted that both the national flag and the official seal of the state have been officially designated by the Knesset.

By Carl Mpart

At one time, the Orthodox suggested that the state's anthem should be *Shir HaMa'alot*, the 126th Psalm, one of those sung by pilgrims in days of old when they went up to Jerusalem to celebrate the festivals. Attempts to give legal status to *Hatikvah* have never succeeded, but now a fresh effort is being made in the present Knesset.

There have long been objections to *Hatikvah* on many grounds. In 1967, Uri Avneri, then a member of the Knesset, introduced a bill seeking to establish the song *Jerusalem of Gold* as the nation's official anthem, but the proposal made no headway.

The question was raised again in 1975, when an enterprising radio program set up a panel of leading personalities to debate the status of the hymn. The objections to *Hatikvah* were that the melody is not Jewish, the author of the words was a disreputable and not always sober poet by the name of Naphtali Herz Imber, the text was offensive to the Arab citizens and the Ashkenazi tone was foreign to the spirit of the Sephardi citizens of the state.

The defence of the song was that it enjoyed a tradition of long standing which gave it a hallowed place in Jewish history. Objections to the precise words were brushed aside on the grounds that sentiment and folk usage endowed it with an aura of respect and even veneration. Note was taken of the hymns of other nations in which the words had little significance. The studio jury voted to retain *Hatikvah* in its present status.

In 1984, a Likud Knesset member submitted a resolution to formalize the status of the anthem, but it ran into many objections. For one thing, the Arabs protested that a text which speaks of "the Jewish soul" and the 2,000-year longing of the Jews to be a free people in Zion does not represent the views of Arabs, who constitute 18 per cent of the population.

> Aura of respect and veneration

Leftists agreed with them and decided to combat the proposed legislation with ridicule. For example, Shulamit Aloni noted that since the exact music score would become part of the proposed law, anyone singing it off-key would be technically liable to prosecution as violators of that clause in the law which called for punishment of up to a year in jail for "disrespect" of the national anthem. The bill failed.

Some suggested that one day perhaps two composers, a Jew and an Arab working together, would create a truly national anthem, which all could sing without reservation.

There is still some debate regarding the origins of the melody of *Hatikvah*, and it is recalled that during the days of the Mandate, when the British banned the public playing of the song, broadcasters used to play parts of the Moldau composition by Smetana, which was said to be the source of the music. Smetana himself picked up the melody from a folk song which was popular in various versions in many European countries. Israeli musicologist, Brenda Miller, says it is an ideal national anthem because it comes from the heart of the people.

Those who prefer to regard Israel in universal rather than in Jewish terms ignore the fact that the blue and white flag, with its six-pointed magen David, and the official observance of the Sabbath and Jewish holidays have already fixed the Jewish identity of the state.

And so, in 1995, Knesset member Shaul Yahalom of the National Religious Party has once again brought forward a proposal to enact legislation to establish the traditional hymn as legal, and those showing disrespect for it would be liable to punishment similar to the protection given the dignity of the state flag. There is no indication yet how the Knesset will react.

An interesting footnote was recently unearthed from the historical archives by *The American Israelite* of Cincinnati. The paper quotes from its issue of Dec. 20, 1894, over 100 years ago: "That erratic genius, Naphtali Herz Imber, is dead [as a matter of fact, the report was premature, for Imber did not die until 1909]. He managed to annoy us a good deal by instituting a $5,000 libel suit against this paper among other things; as he is gone, let his sins be forgotten. He had something of a poet's fancy and a little bit of the poet's expression, but he produced nothing that was remembered a day after it was read or heard."

A summer day

"Summertime and the livin is easy" (Gershwin). I enjoy summer. It is the season of few expectations. But it passes by so fast, each summer going by faster than the last one. They all go at the same speed of course; its just that summer isn't as long as I would like it to be. In spite of clogged roads, poison ivy, mosquito bites, sunburn and rain on your barbecue, there's always something good and special about summer.

By Jack Cheevers

For me, one good and special thing is spending time at the cottage. After being confined indoors by a prolonged rainstorm, I took advantage of a break in the weather to go for a long solitary walk. I wandered deep into the pine woods whose fallen needles lay thick and spongy over ungrassed slopes. I picked my way through the stiff green forest where nothing moved, yet one could sense life forms hidden behind each tree. My roundabout route brought me back to the lake where I sat down on a tilted table of granite that hung out over the water. The wind came up from across the other shore and caught me head-on blowing whatever thoughts I had into ripples, until they were all gone and there was only myself and nature in the eternal present, free of the encumbrances of time.

I was far removed from the everyday domain of engineering which preoccupies me with precision, measurement and logic. In the cold persuasion of technology there is no place for love, pride, beauty, faith and fantasies. We who deal in absolutes are uncomfortable with the unexplainable. We wish our lives to be one continuous growth in knowledge. We delude ourselves into believing that we have tamed the natural and have lost our capacity for surprise and our sense of awe and marvel. We are blind to the miracles that intervene in nature.

In his book, *The Firmament of Time*, anthropologist Loren Eisley wrote: "I am a man who has spent a great deal of his life on his knees, though not in prayer. I do not say this last pridefully, but with the feeling that the posture, if not the thought behind it, may have some final salutary effect. I am a naturalist and a fossil hunter and I have crawled most of the way through life. I have crawled downward into holes without bottom and upward into crevices where the wind and the birds screamed at me until the sound of a falling pebble was enough to make the sick heart lurch. In man, I know now, there is no such thing as wisdom. I have learned this with my face against the ground. It is a very difficult thing for a man to grasp today, because of his power; yet in his brain there is really only a sort of universal marsh, spotted at intervals by quaking green islands representing the elusive stability of modern science — islands frequently gone as soon as glimpsed."

I sat in silence as if awaiting an event, the essence of which I did not know, but it beckoned the lonely figure of my dreams. I was close upon that void where the scientific explanation of the world about us ends and the manifestation of God's prerogative begins. Before long I was in harmony with the mystery and creative power of nature — a miniscule speck of life in an infinite universe.

The wind abated. The sun faded into the horizon. The haunting call of a loon returned me from my catatonic state, as another summer day was coming to an end.

Features

Biographer delves into a new field

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

For the past three years, Michael Bar-Zohar — David Ben-Gurion's official biographer — has been consumed by one passion — Bulgaria.

It may seem odd at first glance that Bulgaria occupies such a place of importance in Bar-Zohar's mind. After all, as a writer, lecturer and politician, he has spent much of his professional career chronicling the twists and turns of Israel's history.

But now that communism has come to an end in Bulgaria and its archives have been thrown open to researchers, Bar-Zohar is hard at work on a book about the wartime rescue of Bulgarian Jewry, an episode usually overshadowed by a similar event in Denmark. The book, as yet untitled, is scheduled to be published in the United States next year.

Bar-Zohar, a former Israeli parliamentarian and a member of the Labor party's Central Committee, has a personal interest in Bulgaria. He was not only born in Bulgaria 57 years ago, but lived there when the fate of its 50,000-strong Jewish community hung in the balance.

A weak, agrarian Balkan land, Bulgaria was in thrall to Nazi Germany in the 1940s, until its liberation by the Red Army in 1944. At the head of its fascist, pro-German government was Bogdan Filov. In 1941, he unveiled anti-Semitic laws, which forced Jews into labor camps. Two years later, Bulgaria agreed to deport the Jewish population to death camps in Eastern Europe.

But the order was never carried out. In open defiance of the Nazis, the Eastern Orthodox church, several fascist leaders, members of parliament, professional groups and King Boris III resisted. As a result, the Jews of Bulgaria were spared.

During the Communist era, the official dogma was that "the masses" and the Communist underground saved the Jews. The role of the church, the government and the monarchy — "the enemy of the people" — was underplayed or simply ignored.

This thesis went largely unchallenged because scholars had little or no access to official files. "Thorough and objective research was not really possible," said Bar-Zohar, who was recently in Toronto to deliver a lecture at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am synagogue.

But with the flowering of democracy and the loosening of restrictions in Bulgaria, Bar-Zohar was able to delve into the archives and feast his eyes on material that hitherto had been off-limits to researchers like himself.

Bar-Zohar claims that his book will be a significant contribution to Holocaust literature. "I believe it is very important to the Jewish people and to the world to learn the story of this rescue. It proves that anti-Semitism could be defeated. It proves that it was possible to say no to Hitler."

Interestingly enough, Bar-Zohar's uncle, Baruch Lazarov, had a direct hand in the rescue effort.

In March 1943, a Bulgarian railway employee in the town of Kyustendil informed Lazarov that a large number of trains had been commandeered "for the Jews." The following day, Lazarov visited the station and, to his horror, saw a large number of cattle cars, parked out of sight.

Correctly deducing that the Jewish community was in dire danger, Lazarov hurried to the house of his childhood friend, Dimiter Peshev, the deputy speaker of parliament and a member of the fascist party. Peshev immediately left for Sofia — the capital — in an attempt to stop the planned deportation.

His plea was ultimately answered by several key personalities: Liliana Panitza, the secretary of the commissar for Jewish affairs, Alexander Belev; Metropolitan Stefan of the Eastern Orthodox church, which had opposed the 1941 anti-Jewish legislation; 43 members of parliament; Elin Pellin, the president of the Bulgarian Writers' Association; and, last but not least, King Boris himself.

Boris was not an heroic figure. He had not objected to the deportation of some 11,000 Jews in Macedonia and Thrace, areas occupied by Bulgaria in exchange for having signed a friendship treaty with Nazi Germany. But he drew the line at native Bulgarian Jews. The Germans tried to browbeat him, once in Berchtesgaden and then in Rastenburg, but he withstood the pressure.

Boris paid a heavy price for his obstinacy. Upon his return from his last meeting with Hitler, he fell ill, dying four days later. A palace communique attributed his death to a heart attack. But most Bulgarians assume he was poisoned by the Germans.

During the darkest years, from 1941 to 1944, Bar-Zohar's family was subjected to humiliating anti-Semitic edicts. His parents were compelled to wear the demeaning yellow star; they were driven out of Sofia to a remote mountain village; and in 1943, his father — a dentist — was pushed into a labor camp.

Michael Bar-Zohar [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Be that as it may, the family was not physically threatened or harmed. Reviewing the reasons why Bulgarian Jewry escaped the Holocaust, Bar-Zohar cites several factors. Compared to other countries, anti-Semitism was not strong in Bulgaria, and the Jews were well integrated into Bulgarian society. Furthermore, the Eastern Orthodox church hewed to a tradition of tolerance.

After the war, in common with the majority of Bulgarian Jews, Bar-Zohar and his parents immigrated to Israel. They settled in Jaffa, where conditions were exceedingly difficult. "Jaffa in those days was harder than Sofia had been during the war," he said.

Finishing his military service, Bar-Zohar studied political science and international relations at the Hebrew University and the University of Paris. In 1964, he wrote his first of many books, *Suez Top Secret*, which dealt with the 1956 Middle East war. The best-selling, prize-winning volume was based on his PhD thesis.

Flushed with confidence, Bar-Zohar sent an inscribed copy to David Ben-Gurion, who had just resigned as prime minister. And through Ben-Gurion's secretary, he offered his services as a biographer. "I didn't expect a reply. Ben-Gurion had refused approaches by historians."

Ben-Gurion, however, was restive after his resignation and wanted to tell his story. And since *Suez Top Secret* impressed him, he asked Bar-Zohar to write his biography, which was eventually published under the title of *Ben-Gurion, the Armed Prophet*. Although Ben-Gurion wasn't satisfied with every sentence in Bar-Zohar's book, he was sufficiently happy with it. In the 1970s, Bar-Zohar produced a three-volume account of his subject's life, *Ben-Gurion: A Political Biography*, which has been translated into a number of foreign languages.

Ben-Gurion was a complex, contradictory man. All but single-handedly, under extremely adverse conditions, he created a Jewish state. His biggest setback, Bar-Zohar muses, was his failure to settle the barren wastes of the Negev with a substantial Jewish population.

As a leader, Ben-Gurion tended to be hawkish with respect to the Arabs. But in his last years, he moderated his views and urged Israel to withdraw from all the territories except the Golan Heights and East Jerusalem, in return for real peace.

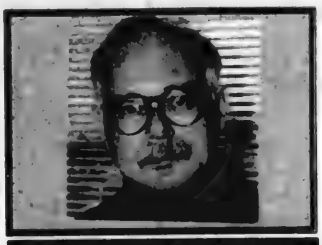
In the aftermath of the 1967 Six Day War, Bar-Zohar was briefly Moshe Dayan's press secretary. Bar-Zohar remembers Dayan (then minister of defence) as a creative politician with great leadership qualities. But Dayan grew too complacent of Israel's Arab foes, and during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, he lost his inimitable spark.

Bar-Zohar, who's currently a research fellow at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, plans to run for the Knesset in the 1996 election. He served in the Knesset from 1981 to 1984 and again from 1988 to 1992.

As an MK, Bar-Zohar — a centrist — initiated the passage of bills in education, human rights and sexual harassment. He also pushed for electoral reform.

Bar-Zohar regrets he cannot find time these days to produce more spy novels. Writing under the pen names of Michael Barak and Michael Hastings, he has turned out a steady stream of thrillers, notably *The Third Truth, Enigma* (which was made into a Hollywood movie) and *The Phantom Conspiracy*.

Clearly, he has his sights set on his forthcoming book and, of course, on the hurly-burly of Israeli politics.



Mideast Analysis

By Sheldon Kirshner

Reclaiming the desert

Yitzhak Moshe, a soil conservationist with the Jewish National Fund (JNF), is rolling back the desert in the northern Negev. He and his colleagues are doing it the hard way, hectare by hectare, to reverse the scourge of desertification.

The JNF's goal is to turn barren wilderness into shaded savannah, Moshe explained as he stood in a sandy gully one recent morning. It will prevent soil erosion and facilitate the creation of parks and grazing land for sheep.

"The idea," he said, "is to create green spaces — recreational areas — for towns in the Negev and thereby upgrade the quality of life for its residents."

The ambitious land reclamation project has no agricultural application, since it is not economically feasible to pipe in water for farming. Rainfall around Ofakim, Moshe's area of jurisdiction, is scarce, up to eight inches per year as compared to 24 inches on the coastal plain and 32 inches in the Galilee.

In the last few years, the JNF has salvaged about 2,000 hectares, which works out to some 300 hectares annually. By Moshe's estimation, the cost of developing one hectare in the first year is about $200. It takes about seven years to prepare the land for grazing, and even after that usage is strictly regulated.

Thanks to its savannization program, Israel has become a world leader in combating desertification, a problem which plagues Africa and Asia. Recently, scientists from 14 countries visited the Negev, touring the JNF's Sayeret Shaked research station, near Ofakim, to study Israeli methods.

Close to an air force base and an army firing range, the station was established 10 years ago, after scientists like Moshe determined that ecologically-sound management of arid and semi-arid lands can halt, even reverse, desertification.

The JNF works in cooperation with, among others, Ben-Gurion University's Mitrani Centre for Desert Ecology, the Ministry of Agriculture's Soil Erosion Research Station and the Israel Agricultural Research Organization.

Savannization focuses on creating patches of green through tree plantings. The saplings — pines, eucalyptuses, cypresses, sycamores, acacias and oaks — are grown in a computerized nursery in Gilat said to be one of the largest and the most modern in the Middle East. The nursery produces about one million saplings per annum.

The green spaces are nourished by runoff water "harvested" by a network of canals and dirt dams. It is not an original method. The ancient Nabateans devised the technique more than 2,000 years ago.

Restored by the Ottoman Turks and the British, the Nabatean cisterns — which can hold several hundred cubic metres of fresh water — are still in use today. Virtually the only ones who tap into the cisterns are Bedouin herders, many of whom move about with their flocks in a custom immortalized by time.

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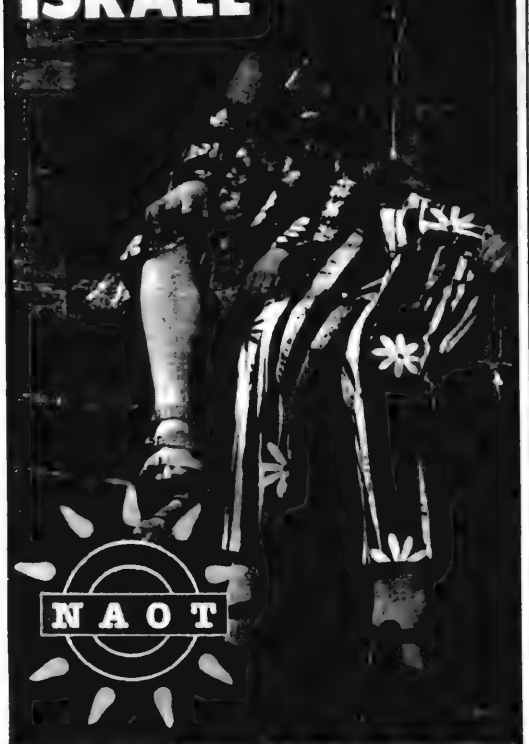

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By RABBI DAVID ELLIS

This week's parshah deals with the rebellion of Korach and his followers against Moses and Aaron. Why, Korach asks, does the leadership of the people rest with Moses and the privilege of the priesthood with Aaron and his family? After all, are not all of the people holy? Is not G-d among them?

We saw recently in our readings that Moses was not jealous of challenges to his leadership. When Joshua wished to restrain Eldad and Medad from remaining in the tent and prophesying (Numbers 11:26 ff.), Moses demurred, wishing that all of the people should be prophets.

Moreover, Korach's claim apparently has a basis in G-d's own words to the people. When the children of Israel were before Mount Sinai, G-d had said they would be "a kingdom of priests and a holy people" (Exodus 19:6). Later, before they began their journeys in the wilderness, they were told to build a sanctuary, that G-d might dwell among them (Exodus 25:8). What then is wrong with Korach's rebellion?

Korach's fault was that he reduced worthy, long-range ideals to the level of average and immediate accessibility. The promise that they should be a holy people was put before them as a task to be achieved, not as a fait accompli.

That G-d was among them was also contingent upon the people's following the will of G-d and was never guaranteed. While Moses might forgo his honor to Eldad and Medad, it was his prerogative to do so, not something which others could usurp at will.

Our sages note that Korach engaged in arguments of Torah with Moses, asking if a tallit which was all blue required the blue thread of the tzitzit, or if a room full of Torah scrolls required a mezuzah upon the doorpost. There is in fact nothing wrong with arguing about the Torah, even for the wrong reasons *(sh'lo lishmah)*, for example, to gain prestige, to be called a rabbi. Our sages were confident that one would eventually come to pursue it for the right reasons *(lishmah)*. This is only true, however, if the intent was not evil to begin with — to quarrel and evoke protest (Tosefot, Pesachim 50b).

Korach's revolt was the latter type of *sh'lo lishmah*. Indeed, our sages, in their careful reading of the parshah, note that there is dissension even within Korach's ranks. The classic example of an argument not for the sake of heaven is not the quarrel of Korach and Moses but that of Korach and his own followers (Pirkei Avot 4:20).

But in the end, Korach had no need for his argument. Part of Korach's claim is that his tribe, the Levites, were denied privileges in favor of the priests, the *kohanim*. The Mishnah (Horavot 3:8) indeed notes that there are certain gradations in status among the Jewish people, in regard to who would be saved in the case of an emergency.

A *kohen* is saved before a *levi*, a *levi* before a *yisrael*, a *yisrael* before a *mamzer*, a slave and others. When, asks the Mishnah, does this rule apply? When everyone is equal. But were a *mamzer* to be a Torah scholar, he would be saved before a high priest who was an ignoramous. Although there may be various divisions of role and responsibility within our people, the study of Torah holds the highest place, and it is available even to the most despised of the classes.

Korach could have ascended to greatness had he devoted himself to the study of Torah.

Although Korach was punished for his rebellion, his descendants eventually carried out what should have been his destiny. The sons of Korach wrote Psalms; and the prophet Samuel, mentioned in greatness with Moses and Aaron, was from the family of Korach (I Chronicles 6:7-13).

What does the story of Korach tell us today? The German philospher Max Scheler made a classic study of the man of *ressentiment* who feels powerless in the face of overwhelming events, looks for a reality which is levelled out to common sense availability, distrusts talent, status and distinction among people. Far from being insignificant and passive, the man of *ressentiment* is apt to hearken to the call for a rebellion to bring about his designs. Scheler, writing in 1912, described a phenomenon which would appear in Europe in the 1930s, as millions of disenchanted came to be mesmerized by the appeal of Nazism.

Korach in his time also appealed to the man of *ressentiment*, and his story is a paradigm for our understanding of other rebellions in history. In our own time of economic uncertainty, moral confusion, and rapid change and disruption, we must always be aware of a Korach who may come to speak to the disenfranchised.

Rabbi David Ellis is the spiritual leader of Congregation Tiferes Israel in Moncton.

Torah study for women

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Yarchei Kallah for women, a program of intensive Torah study, will be held at Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Dr., from July 31 to August 3.

The week-long program, sponsored by Canadian Friends of Nishmat and under the auspices of the Or Chaim Kollel, is designed for women of all ages and educational levels.

Working largely in pairs (called chavrutahs) they will study texts in English or Hebrew dealing with eight prophetesses in the Bible — Sarah, Esther, Yechevet, Miriam, Devorah, Chanah, Avigail and Ruth.

This will be followed by a seminar led by Rabbanit Chana Henkin, founder and director of Nishmat, the Jerusalem Centre for Advanced Jewish Study for Women.

Jewish texts

Rebecca Rotenberg Nadler, one of the organizers of the event, said that Rabbanit Henkin was concencerned that women were encouraged to study secular subjects on an advanced level, but not limudei kodesh (religious studies).

She founded Nishmat in Jerusalem for university-aged and older women to study "without any preset limits.

"If their bent is toward Tanach (Bible), that's fine. If it's for Gemara, that's fine too. They learn to become comfortable with Jewish texts."

Nearly 400 women are enrolled at Nishmat, including Ethiopians and Russians.

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Jewish Life

Tomorrow, who knows?

By CHUCK GOLD and CAROL KASSEL

Felix Shachman, 21, was so anxious to leave that he taught himself Hebrew for a year before he could finally leave his home north of Kiev.

GUEST VOICES

At 82, a widowed grandmother on the same plane said she was too old to learn Hebrew but too smart to stay in Ukraine. "My son said, 'Why are you staying here?' " she told us. 'It's dark here. The sun is shining in Israel.' "

Air Ukraine Flight 001 from Kiev to Tel Aviv was chartered by the UJA-supported Jewish Agency, known as the *sochnut*. It is a relief flight. Except for the dozen members of our UJA delegation, the 80 olim on board expressed their relief at being able to leave the bitter reality of Ukrainian life, especially Jewish life in Ukraine.

We asked some of those who remain there just how bitter. Sarah, an older Jewish woman who lives alone in a tiny Kiev apartment, has diabetes and rarely gets out of her home. Yet, the Joint Distribution Committee, which works very closely with the *sochnut*, manages to arrange a visit only once a month, because of an ever expanding client list. Sarah cried continuously during our visit. She told us she was "as lonely as a finger."

We asked 87-year-old Gregory, a war veteran whose wife died six months ago. The boys from a local Jewish school try to visit him whenever they can. Gregory eats mostly beets and carrots for lunch and dinner.

And we asked Jewish school students themselves — some of them attending *sochnut*-sponsored Hebrew classes. Virtually all of them talked about an anti-Semitic incident they had experienced personally.

Ukraine is no place for Jews

With a collapsing economy, a rising crime rate and a long history of hatred, Ukraine is no place for Jews. The *sochnut*, which is in effect the government of the Jewish people in the former Soviet Union, is working day and night to get them out.

The name *sochnut* is magic in Ukraine. It is admired by Jews, resented by some non-Jews and respected by everyone. The commitment of *sochnut* personnel is almost superhuman. It was humbling to see.

Every year, at least 25,000 Jews take advantage of the Agency's freedom flights to Israel. It is an urgent situation. Today the Ukrainian government, to its credit, permits unrestricted Jewish emigration. However, economic instability often triggers drastic reactions. Tomorrow, who knows?

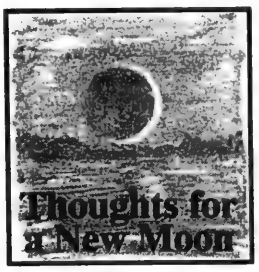
Time is ticking away on Jewish history in Ukraine, where cultural, political and religious giants once lived. The incredible revival of Jewish education and kashrut after decades of Communist tyranny was wonderful to witness, but illusory. It fills the needs of the moment but not the needs of the future.

Jewish identity, which centuries of anti-Semitism could not suppress, is being expressed through Zionism. And Zionism means moving to Israel, with the UJA-funded network of generous assistance. Ten years from now, mostly the old and frail will remain as Ukraine's legacy of Jewish life.

The Ukrainian town of Chmelnitzky, named after a notorious anti-Semitic murderer, typifies the Jewish situation. Three thousand Jews still live there, led by a young rabbi, Peretz Charach, whom we met in the Kiev synagogue. In the not-so-distant future, said Rabbi Charach, there won't be any reason for his services. "The future of this town is that one day people will remember there was a Jewish presence here."

Carol Kassel and Chuck Gold are co-chairs of the 1996 United Jewish Appeal Campaign. They recently led a mission to Ukraine and Israel.

Coming to terms with sacrifice



By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

The story of Pinchas, Aaron's grandson, is read this month. Pinchas takes a stand against Israel's pagan worship, slaying an Israelite man and a Midianite woman. God rewards him and rabbinic literature ascribes to him the Divine Spirit. Surely a man who defends the honor of the Almighty to this extent should live a life of greatness.

Such is not the case. The rabbis introduce Pinchas again later in his life, in the story of Jephtah and his daughter. Pinchas is the high priest at that time, but he fails to avert the disaster of Jephtah's daughter.

In the time of the Judges, Jephtah, an army general, vows that if victorious in battle he will sacrifice to God the first "thing" that comes to greet him. His daughter leads the parade to greet Jephtah and it is she who must be sacrificed to fulfil his vow.

The obvious problem of human sacrifice nags at every reader. We are taught that Abraham offering Isaac on the altar is the turning point where God teaches that human sacrifice must end. Yet generations later, we find an Israelite leader offering his daughter on the altar, and not even the high priest intervenes.

How has history judged Jephtah and Pinchas and how we can read the silent complicity of Jephtah's daughter?

Lowest point of Pinchas' life

The rabbis see this incident as the lowest point of Pinchas' life. The first episode merits him the Divine Spirit but this episode strips him of it. According to the midrash, both Jephtah and Pinchas seek a way out of the predicament. Yet each one feels it is the place of the other to make the journey and ask for help.

Jephtah feels that since he is the general it is beneath him to beg for help from the religious figure. Pinchas feels that since Jephtah needs his help, he should come and ask. Neither one can overcome his ego, the vow is not nullified and Jephtah's daughter is lost. As a result, Pinchas loses his Divine connection and Jephtah's bones are scattered. But what of Jephtah's daughter?

There are two stories dealing with human sacrifice among the Hebrews, one involving Isaac, the other Jephtah's daughter. The parallels in the stories are striking: both are victims of their fathers, and both are willing particiants.

The rabbis do not read Isaac as passive on the altar. He cautions his father not to let the knife slip, thereby wounding him and disqualifying him as a pure sacrifice. The rabbis likewise state that Jephtah's daughter goes to the high court and proves she is a pure sacrifice. Both children trust their fathers and commit themselves wholeheartedly to their fates.

In modern times, Jephtah's daughter is seen as the ultimate victim, the passive, uneducated daughter. But the midrash reads her as parallel to Isaac. She is not passive, she is not uneducated, but alas in a world of politics and ego, she does become the ultimate victim.

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From coast to coast

Crown attorney crusades for gay rights

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In the 1890s, novelist Emile Zola rocked the French establishment with his article, *J'accuse*, charging them with conspiracy in the case of Alfred Dreyfuss.

A hundred years later, Toronto Crown attorney Michael Leshner borrowed Zola's writing style and crusading spirit to pen an article challenging senior Canadian politicians on what he considers a fundamental issue of human rights.

"I accuse Jean Chrétien. I accuse Bob Rae, Lynn McLeod, Mike Harris," Leshner wrote in a recent Toronto newspaper article.

"There is hate in the land" and the victims are homosexuals, he continued.

An avowed gay rights activist, Leshner has taken up the cudgels to push for equal treatment for gays and lesbians in every aspect of life. He has challenged discriminatory government policies in court and won, and has spoken out for a minority he says suffers "blatant, apartheid-like discrimination."

Leshner, 47, gained national exposure in 1992, when a board of inquiry ruled unanimously that same-sex couples employed by the civil service were entitled to the same employee and survivor benefits as heterosexual couples.

Since he launched that case to get equal treatment for himself and his partner of 14 years, Mike Stark, he has taken a very public, activist stand.

Leshner credits his Jewish heritage and the debt he owes his grandparents for helping push him into the public arena. "Jews since World War II have told us it is important to be righteous and to stand up to discrimination," he said.

"That's why I speak out. I feel that I honor my grandparents who fled Eastern Europe because of poverty and discrimination ... I honor their memories by standing up to the Cossack-like mentality in our midst. When it's aimed against gays, it's the equivalent to anti-Semitism," because hatred and discrimination against gays is based on their personal characteristics.

"I don't see any moral or legal difference between anti-Semitism, racism or homophobia," he said.

One of five brothers, Leshner grew up in a traditional, kosher Jewish home in St. Catharines, attended afternoon Jewish school and went to synagogue on holidays.

In 1976, he was hired as a Crown attorney and in 1983, he attended a Crown Christmas party with his partner. "No one said anything," he recalls.

Michael Leshner

He said his parents, who now live in Miami, have been supportive of the relationship.

He believes an older brother, who married a gentile woman 30 years ago, paved the way for him. His parents, who objected to the marriage, learned they couldn't prevent it. Any objections they raised only served to poison the family relationship, Leshner said.

Leshner has some unkind words for the organized Jewish community and for synagogues.

"The Jewish community ... has rightly lectured the rest of the world that the Holocaust occurred because the world did not stand up to hate. I've internalized that message. But when you see where my Jewish allies are on homophobia, they've stayed on the sidelines."

Canadian Jewish leaders have told him that "faultlines" in the community prevent Jewish organizations from taking a concerted stand on so divisive an issue.

"What particularly offends me is that same sex couples who want to raise their children as members of a synagogue are turned away," he said.

Leshner credits the Holy Blossom Temple for reaching out to homosexuals at a recent community event.

Auction action for Beit Halochem

By AMY SATTIN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Whether you call them foolish or fearless, 26 men and women strutted their stuff before 600 strangers to raise money for charity earlier this month.

The Night of a Thousand Stars bachelor/bachelorette auction, organized by Beit Halochem Canada, raised $25,000 for disabled veterans in Israel.

Bidders could choose date packages that ranged from outdoor treats to downtown chic. Most packages fetched between $150 and $200, with the highest bid of the evening at $600.

The 18 men and seven women participants were drawn from all age groups and professions. "We took anyone who came," admitted organizer Roberta Pludwinski. "The only stipulation was they had to be single — and have the guts."

It did take courage to parade in front of the large and restless crowd, but as participant Joel Clodman, 42, put it: "It takes a lot more chutzpah to go on the line for Israel."

Beit Halochem provides rehabilitation and social programs for injured soldiers and their families through three centres in Israel. The Canadian organization raised $750,000 in 1994.

Ten visiting veterans were on hand for the auction, as was 37-year-old Avi Fridman, who came to Toronto last month for corrective orthopedic surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Fridman, whose left leg was shattered by shrapnel in a 1979 special mission, told *The CJN* he considers the local Beit Halochem centre in Jerusalem his second home.

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Community youth gather for weekend kallah

CALEDON VILLAGE, Ont. — Fifty-four youngsters from Ontario small communities recently participated in a weekend *kallah* (gathering) here.

The *kallah* at Caledon Hills Leisure Village was part of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region's High School Outreach Program. Participants included 30 teenagers taking part in the current education program, as well as the alumni who had completed the three-year program last year.

Lea Kon, 13, of Guelph, who was attending her second *kallah*, said, "It was great that the alumni spent time with us and helped show us the ropes."

Kon, whose sister Deborah, 18, took part in the previous program, said she decided to join even though she attends Hebrew school. "I want to explore my Jewish roots and learn even more. And it's great to be able to spend time with Jewish young adults."

Congress' Ontario region is committed to preserving and strengthening Jewish life in 30 communities around the province, ranging in size from one to 250 families. Identifying the need for Jewish education and continuity in these communities, CJC launched the outreach program, which is now in its fourth three-year cycle.

At the CJC kallah are (standing from left) Nathaniel Kessler, Guelph; Sarah Chalmers, Peterborough; Amy Pepper, Cobourg; Sarah Nashman, Peterborough; Avi Gross-Sobol, Guelph; and Joshua Landy, Owen Sound. Kneeling are Daniel Raab (left), Peterborough, and Avrum Hollinger, Guelph.

Students learn by correspondence from material sent out by Congress and from periodic visits by staffers. Twice yearly, the teenagers come together for group study. The program culminates with five weeks of study and travel in Israel.

At this *kallah*, the focus was on pre-Holocaust Jewish history and culture in eastern Europe. Kon found the role-playing games especially enlightening, particularly one regarding shtetl life.

Sarah Chalmers, 14, of Peterborough said she was skeptical at first about participating in the program, but thus far "it has been a fun experience. As well, it has been an eye-opener, especially learning about the history of anti-Semitism."

She also particularly enjoyed the interactive games, "especially Coming to America, which taught us how difficult it was for Jews not only to leave a country, but to receive permission to enter a new nation. I can't believe what Jews had to go through."

In addition to Jackson and Cartman, others assisting at the *kallah* were Ontario region education consultant Gary Levine, Sarah Bergson, Josh Ross (of Halifax), Jeff Carpino, Kathy Axmith, Andrea Luca, Janna Cohen and Simon Rucker.

ASSOCIATED BRANCH DEDICATED

Members of the Kamin family came together recently for the official dedication of the Atkinson branch of Associated Hebrew Schools, to be called the Jack and Buschie Kamin Eduation Centre. Seen (from left) are Loren Bornstein, Paul Kamin, Buschie Kamin, Dr. Robert Chelin, Michael Kamin and Amy Kamin. The branch, opened in January, will house over 1,000 students this September.

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NCSY scholarship to help with yeshivah study

HUNTSVILLE, Ont. — A special scholarship fund was set up by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) in memory of one of its members at a recent regional convention.

Over 180 high school students from Toronto, Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Montreal, Ottawa, Kitchener, Trenton, Paris and London gathered in celebration of renewed commitment to Jewish values and lifestyle.

The highlight of the weekend celebration was the annual awards banquet where over 100 of the participants were honored for their personal commitment to Jewish continuity.

Thirty-one of those received scholarships ranging from $700 to $1,000 to enable them to spend a year studying at Jewish institutions of higher learning in Israel. These scholarships were made possible through the support of Stephen and Ruth Rosen of Thornhill, Leibel and Gayle Wolfe of Montreal, Dr. Harvey and Sharon Erlich of Toronto, Lawrence and Susan Zeifman of Thornhill and Rabbi and Mrs. Baruch Taub of Thornhill.

As well, a scholarship fund was set up in the name of Michael Cherniack to give NCSY members a year of study at a yeshivah in Israel.

Michael, who recently died at age 24, is the son of Laurie and Debbie Cherniack. The family has been supporters of NCSY Canada for many years. Laurie was the past regional vice-president of the Orthodox Union.

Recipients of the Michael Cherniak Award were Marni Katz, Teri Rothenberg, Shai Scherer, Avi Poch and Shira Rapp.

Seen at the NCSY convention is (from left, bottom row) Marni Katz, Teri Rothenberg and (top row, from left) Shai Scherer, Glenn Black, regional director NCSY; Avi Poch; Rabbi Mordechai Smolarcik, rabbinic advisor; Rabbi Nossom Westreich, past regional director; David Woolf, chair, NCSY; and Zale Newman, vice-chair, NCSY.

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Who can enter:
Anyone can enter except *CJN* employees or members of their family.

How to enter:
A maximum of three photos per entrant may be submitted. Please place your name, address and phone number on the back of each photo. We can only return the photos if you provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope. We cannot be responsible however for any photos lost in the mail.

You may mail or deliver your photos to:
CJN Rosh Hashanah Contest, The Canadian Jewish News, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills, Ontario, M3C 3A1.

The contest closes at 3 p.m. on August 18, 1995.

Prizes:
The judges will choose the three photographs which, in their opinion, are most evocative.

The winning submissions will be published in *The CJN* Rosh Hashanah issue. In addition, each of the winners will receive a cheque for $100.

We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only three will be selected as the winners. We will also select other photographs for publication as honorable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

How the winners will be notified:
Winning entrants will be notified by telephone before the start of the Shabbat on Friday, August 25.

When the prizes will be awarded:
The winning photos will be published in *The CJN* of Sept. 21.

We look forward to receiving your submissions. May the camera's eye capture the stirrings of your heart. Good luck.

Any litigation respecting the conduct and awarding of a prize in this contest may be submitted to the Régie des Loteries et courses du Québec.

Youth prepare to take part in 'Israel Experience'

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A group of about 60 Torontonians who will be making aliyah shortly are embarking on "the ultimate Israel experience," said one speaker at their farewell reception.

"Israel Experience" has become the catch-all phrase to describe all sorts of organized programs for Diaspora Jews — mainly youth — going to Israel.

"We all need to work together and maximize the role of Israel in our lives," said Lorraine Sandler, chair of the recently formed Israel Experience committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. The federation, along with the Israel Aliyah Centre and the Canadian Zionist Federation (CZF), co-sponsored the reception, held at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

The event was the final meeting in a series of seven organized by Toronto's aliyah shaliach, Udi Savion. Previous meetings, designed to minimize culture shock following aliyah, focused on diverse aspects of day-to-day life in Israel.

Approximately 200 people are making aliyah this year through Savion's office, which serves Ontario and Manitoba. An additional 45 people are making aliyah through the Vancouver office, and about 140 from Montreal. (Numbers are about 10 per cent higher than last year.)

Reception guests were treated to an Israeli song and dance presentation by Niurim, a Youth & Hechalutz group. The presentation, featuring a number of familiar Hebrew tunes, was choreographed by Rivka Atzmony. Musical direction was by Doron Ophir, and the presentation was coordinated by Tami Savion.

"You won't hear a lot of those songs any more in Israel," noted Herzl Makov, Montreal-based representative of the CZF to Canada. "The culture, the atmosphere, everything has changed in Israel — as it should. It's a growing country, a prospering country."

Bayla Goldman, a thirtyish dancer/choreographer who is finalizing her aliyah plans, agrees with Makov's assessment. "Within the last five years, the development in Israel's dance community is almost equal to Toronto's," she told *The CJN*.

Goldman spent a year in Israel when she was in her mid-20s and returned for a recent pilot trip to investigate job opportunities. She credits the Aliyah Centre as an information resource.

A publicity-shy married couple who made aliyah two years ago described their experience during the formal part of the evening. Their aliyah has been "interesting, rewarding and ... frustrating, but a wonderful learning and growing experience.

"We discovered that what seemed perfectly normal to us was totally crazy to a person of a different culture. We have learned a lot about patience."

Despite the difficulties, the woman said aliyah was "a dream come true. The longer we're there, the more we're sure we made the right decision."

Makov commended the departing olim for pursuing their dreams. "We are living in a very materialistic world. We deserve and our children deserve some [idealism]."

Other speakers included Avrom Gossack, president, CZF, central region; and Moshe Tal, director, Western Aliyah division of the World Zionist Organization.

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From coast to coast

Jewish high school to open in Ottawa

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — It was just over a dozen years ago when Neima Langner and her husband Richard Davies, both young doctors, considered settling in Ottawa where Richard had been offered a cardiology residency at the Ottawa Civic Hospital Institute.

While the city met most of their requirements — a thriving Jewish community and proximity to family in Montreal — it did not have a Jewish day school beyond Grade 8.

But their first child was just a baby. Surely, they thought, by the time he is ready for high school, there will be one.

And they were right. What they didn't know was that Langner and a group of other parents would be the ones to get it off the ground.

Since late January, when the Jewish Community Council approved funding for the school, provided a minimum of 10 students signed up, Langner and the rest of the steering committee have recruited students, hired staff, developed a curriculum, planned fundraising projects and searched for a building.

Ottawa's as yet nameless Jewish high school is set to open in September, in time to welcome Langner's son and 10 classmates to Grade 9. There will also be a Grade 10 class of four students.

"There are a million details to work out when putting together a whole school," says Langner, who will chair the school's board. "It can't be ragged at the edges when it opens in September."

"It's been exhilarating, challenging, frustrating and aggravating all at the same time," says Paul Bregman, a founding member who is in charge of fundraising and finances. "We're talking about Jewish parents and their most prized possessions, their children."

Organizers say they are excited about the quality of the school and the curriculum.

The school principal is Ian Macdonald, retired principal of Lisgar Collegiate, known for its high academic standards. Rabbi Howard Finkelstein will coordinate the Jewish Studies program. The rest of the staff are top-notch teachers, says Langner, an advantage of hiring at a time of teacher surpluses.

Because of the small student body, teachers will be able to be innovative and take advantage of community resources like the National Library and work settings. Some view the school as a classroom without walls.

The core of Jewish studies will a theme-based analysis of Jewish texts in Hebrew and Aramaic. During the school's first year, students will study writings about community and the way people treat each other. They will begin with Torah, and go on to study Talmud and the great commentaries, learning both text skills and the way Jewish writings apply to modern issues.

The goal of the program, says Langner, is to give Jewish kids an appreciation and knowledge of their intellectual heritage.

"The teenage years are the time when you can influence kids for the rest of their lives," says Bregman. "They want to know about their heritage. This is when they question their history and their lives."

His son Bram says he is looking forward to going to the school.

"I'd rather be with fellow Jews than with kids I've never met," he says.

He admits though, that not all his classmates are as enthusiastic. It isn't easy being a pioneer, especially when many of your friends are moving on to big secular high schools.

Mindful of their children's social needs, parents will be planning extracurricular activities and get-togethers with other Jewish teens.

But Langner has no doubt that the school's small size will be temporary. "It's hard to say how big [the school] will grow but we certainly expect it to grow very quickly once people see the quality of education that goes on there."

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8 p.m.
Music: Shirim Klezmer Orchestra

8:30 p.m.
Theatre: Golus Storytheatre's *God in Paris*

9 p.m.
Music: Muzsikás featuring Márta Sebestyén
Music: Theresa Tova

9:15 p.m.
Dance: Liz Lerman Dance Exchange's *In this Moment* $15
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10:30 p.m.
Music: Finjan
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SATURDAY, JULY 8

11:30 a.m.
Family: Yidrhythmics

Noon
Family: Particlpatory Storytelling Circle

1 p.m.
"Coca-Cola" Music Workshop: Yiddish Vocals with Adrienne Cooper
Public Forum: You Call This a Yiddish Revival?
Family: Yidrhythmics

1:30 p.m.
Music: Harmonia

2 p.m.
Theatre: *Tamar Rogoff's Ivye Project*
Music: Davka
Workshop: Dancing on the Ceiling, with Brave Old World

2:30 p.m.
Workshop: JuggleFest with Sara Felder

3 p.m.
Music: Hartzedike-Lider
Family Theatre: Winnipeg Jewish Theatre's *The Always Prayer Shawl* $10/15
Workshop: Movement with Liz Lerman

3:30 p.m.
"Coca-Cola" Music Workshop: Rhythm & Groove

4 p.m.
Music: Budowitz
Music: In the Mother Tongue

4:30 p.m.
Family: Storytelling Circle with Jay Miller

5 p.m.
"Coca-Cola" Music Workshop: East European Connection
Music: Joe Maneri Trio

6 p.m.
Film: The Man Without a World

7:30 p.m.
Theatre: Sara Felder's *June Bride* $15

8 p.m.
Music: Adrienne Cooper

8:45 p.m.
Music: Brave Old World

9 p.m.
Theatre: *100 Years of Yiddish Theatre in Montreal*

9:15 p.m.
Dance: Liz Lerman Dance Exchange's *In This Moment* $15
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9:45 p.m.
Music: Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band +4

10:30 p.m.
Music: Simon Shaheen/ Frank London Project
Variety: Late Night Cabaret of Dreams

SUNDAY, JULY 9

11:15 a.m.
Family: Yidrhythmics

11:30 a.m.
"Coca-Cola" Music Workshop: Circle Participatory Song
Film: The Man Without a World

Noon
Family: Music with Finjan and guests

12:30 p.m.
Poetry Reading
Family: Storytelling

1 p.m.
Theatre: Winnipeg Jewish Theatre's *The Always Prayer Shawl* $10/$5
Music: Lipovsky/Motek/Warschauer Trio
Music: Simon Shaheen

1:30 p.m.
"Coca-Cola" Music Workshop: Yiddish Instrumental
Music: Night Songs from a Neighboring Village

2 p.m.
Music: Ashkenaz Fidl Kapelye
Public Forum: Mame Loshn: A Culture Reclaimed — Yiddish Women Speak
Family: Yidrhythmics

3 p.m.
Family: Ashkenaz Parade
Music: Theresa Tova

3:30 p.m.
Music: In the Mother Tongue

4 p.m.
Music: The Klezmatics
Theatre: Dora Wasserman's *Just Dora*

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From coast to coast

Laniado Hospital founder honored

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Rabbi Yekutiel Yehuda Halberstam, the late Sanz Klauzenberg rebbe, was badly hurt during a Nazi forced march, he bandaged himself up using a twig and rags. He was too afraid to trust Nazi doctors.

He made a pledge, said Rabbi Yerachmiel Milstein, executive vice-president of American Friends of Laniado Hospital, "to build a hospital so that no one would ever be afraid to seek medical help."

He made good on his pledge. The Sanz Medical Centre and Laniado Hospital, in Netanya now serves over 220,000 area residents, and includes a nursing school, environmental and occupational health department, a geriatric centre, a premature baby unit and a trauma centre.

The accomplishments of the rebbe, the hospital and its first medical director, Torontonian Dr. Joseph Weil, were celebrated at a dinner held recently at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill.

Guest speaker Israel Singer, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, praised Rabbi Halberstam and other Holocaust survivors for rebuilding Jewish life from the vacuum left by Hitler's slaughter.

Rabbi Halberstam recognized, he said, that, while the good in modernity can and should be harnessed, "without Torah, comes lack of ethics. Science will rule us."

Slamming those who call themselves "central Orthodox," he said that "there is no longer room for fence sitters. There is no middle road — that only means that 54 per cent of Jews will assimilate."

He charged that "we have a massive behemoth of unplanned, disorganized, chaotic organizations, dispersing money without any kind of plan."

Money must be found to properly educate every Jewish child, he said, noting that that means $7,000 to $10,000 per child. The only new source of funds, he said, is from restitution and reparations, which he called "trying to right the wrongs of past years.

"I am unforgiving," he said. "Entire nations owe Jews restitution, and I will make sure they [pay up] until I get tired of asking.

"Jews didn't die so that the president of Hungary or the president of Poland could be their heirs."

Adding that those once behind the Iron Curtain are now eligible for reparations as well, he promised "every hospital, every Jewish school, every survivor will be helped by this money — especially in Israel."

Rabbi Yitzhak Kerzner, spiritual leader of Clanton Park Synagogue, praised the late Dr. Joseph Weil as one for whom medicine was not just a means of livelihood, but "a mission, a calling.

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1	egg	1
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1 tsp	chili powder	5mL
1	small onion, finely chopped	1
1/2 cup	fresh breadcrumbs	125mL
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From coast to coast

Maccabi Ontario readies for upcoming games

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Maccabi Ontario's newly-installed executive includes, (top row, standing, from left) Joe Levy, Colin Cooper, Ira Kuchinsky, David Blumer, David Phillips, Alek Korn, Lynne Cipin, Gord Garshowitz, Alan Gerskup and Jack Rotsztain. Seated (from left) Art Kraus, Frank Wilson and Harold Cipin. Not shown, Howard Kornblum.

TORONTO — Like long dormant perennials that blossom early in the spring, the Maccabi Ontario organization is back in full bloom.

And just in time, too.

The newly-installed executive has its hands full preparing provincial contingents for the upcoming Youth Games scheduled for August in Long Island, N.Y.

After that, organizers have their sights set on the eighth Pan American Maccabi Games in Buenos Aires, which begin in December.

The "new and aggressive team" has been in place for several months, said chair Frank Wilson, with a multi-pronged mandate to raise the organization's profile in the community, raise funds for various projects and re-orient Maccabi into a member-based organization.

In the past, Maccabi would appear periodically to raise money and send athletes to regional or international competitions. The new Maccabi Ontario will be permanent, as in other parts of the world, where Maccabi is a year-round membership organization.

Memberships would be on individual, family or corporate bases. Athletes wishing to represent Canada or Ontario at competitions would have to first join the club, Wilson suggested. It is still in the planning stages.

Meanwhile, Maccabi Ontario is co-operating with the Bloor Jewish Community Centre in Toronto to send a joint team to the upcoming Youth Games.

Maccabi organizers have also met with representatives of Toronto's Bathurst Jewish Centre to discuss a number of issues: creating an alliance to train young athletes; relocating Maccabi's resource centre, named for philanthropist Irv Ungerman; and moving the championship trophies into the front lobby.

Maccabi organizers are holding a fundraising dinner Oct. 30 to honor the Toronto Raptors basketball team.

Although not a member of the Maccabi executive in the past, Wilson has served in a number of community volunteer positions. He is a director of the Jewish National Fund in Toronto and is a past vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada. His father, Heinz "The Highway" Wertheim, was Germany's top marathoner in the mid-1930s, but Nazi policies prevented him from representing Germany at the 1936 Olympic Games.

Lexchin elite milliner

TORONTO — Milliner Elsie Lexchin, whose stylish creations graced the heads of Toronto's elite, died May 28 in Toronto. She was 92.

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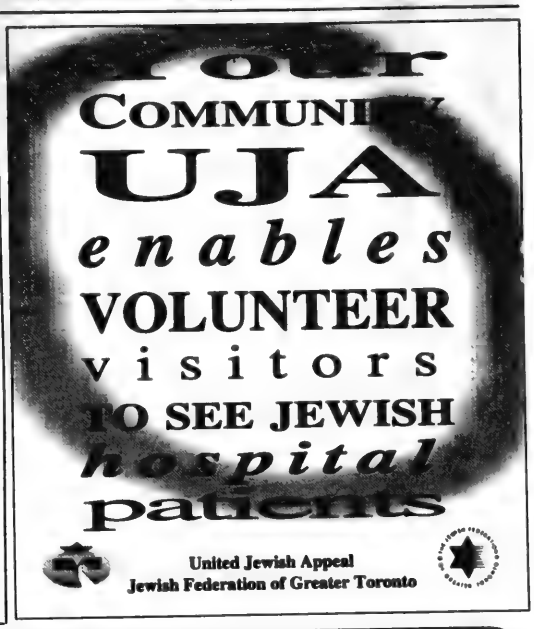

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What's New

DAVID LEVY IN TORONTO

David Levy (third from left), past deputy prime minister and foreign minister of Israel, meets with dignitaries after his address in French at Petah Tikva Anshe Castilla Congregation. The event was sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC), Ontario region; the Canadian Sephardic Federation (CSF) and the Ontario Sephardic Association (OSA). From left are Maurice Benzacar, OSA chair; Moshe Ronen, CJC Ontario region chair; Joe Benarroch, CSF president; Dror Zeigerman, Israel consul general in Toronto, and Manuel Prutschi, CJC Ontario region executive director [Daniel Fine photo].

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Rooftop Singles Party and Barbecue at Bloor JCC Thursday, July 6, 7-11 p.m. $15. Tickets at Bloor JCC desk, 924-6211.

Israeli dancing on the roof with **Marco Ben-Shimon** at Bloor JCC 8 p.m. Mondays. $5. Call **Lindsay** 924-6211 or **Marco** 905-0363.

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Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dances July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dances July 9, 23, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; Walk in the Park Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m.; movie *A Night at the Opera* Wednesday, July 5, 2 p.m.; July 6, Niagara-on-the-Lake and the Falls; July 24-30, Catskills Raleigh Hotel; August 17, Port Dalhousie, members $18, non-members $20; August 22-24 Ottawa and Gatineau Hills; Israel in October (check for details) 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club trip to Stratford for *The Gondoliers* Oct. 25; also new programs in the planning. Call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. For Golden Book donations to Laniado Hospital in Israel, call **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Mel Lastman's Senior Players senior acting group is in the early stages of producing its second show. Rehearsals at North York Senior Centre, 21 Hendon Ave. Group is looking for a person who plays the piano and is interested in becoming part of the group. **Irving Davis** 491-3479.

LZA Seniors Club — space for Catskills trip to Pines Hotel July 27-August 6; tickets available for *The Gondoliers*, Stratford, Sept. 6; registration for Miami trips. **Belle** 633-5841 or **Libby** 782-2059; Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. at Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

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Join **Sue Green** in the interactive workshop Becoming the Best Me I Can Be, Tuesdays, July 4 and 11, 9:15-11:15 a.m.

Healthy Headlines Discussion Group with **Dickie Tousson** will meet Fridays, July 14-August 18, 11 a.m. to noon.

Lifelong Learning Institute (LLI) presents Converging Cultures with **Hugh Innis**, Ryerson program director for the Faculty of Arts, Tuesdays, July 4-25, 10-11:30 a.m. Members $1, non-members $2. Register at door at first class. **Bookie Kwart**, 225-2112.

A Labor Day weekend getaway to Maple Lake Resort in Parry Sound Sept. 1-4 includes three kosher meals daily, activities, entertainment, transportation, $210 per person double occupancy. Call **Helen** 225-2112.

Dance to the music of the Creative Band Sunday, July 2, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

JEWISH BOOK AWARDS

The eight winners of the Jewish Book Committee 1995 Book Awards are Torontonians **Prof. Andre Stein** (*Hidden Children: Forgotten Survivors of the Holocaust*); film-maker **Jack Kuper** (*After the Storm Cleared*); **Rabbi Aaron Levine** (*To Comfort the Bereaved*); **Sam Slaschovitch** (*Stepchild of Vistula*); **Cary Fagan** (*The Animals' Waltz*), plus Saskatchewan poet **Peter Ormshaw** (*The Purity of Arms*); Montreal Yiddish poet **Grunia Siutzky-Kohn** (*Kuk Nit Trojrik Azoi in Fenster*) and Vancouverite **Lillian Boraks-Nemetz** (*The Little Brown Suitcase*). Winners were recognized at Awards Night, Monday, June 26, Leah Posluns Theatre.

HONORARY DOCTORATE

Harry Pollock, who has taught courses on James Joyce at York University for 25 years, has received an honorary doctorate of letters from the university, as a James Joyce scholar, novelist, poet and lecturer. A Fellow of Stong College, he established the Samuel Beckett Theatre at Stong and has given a substantial collection of materials, texts and memorabilia to the university pertaining to Joyce, Beckett and Irish literature.

EXHIBIT AT HARBOURFRONT

The Toronto chapter of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science recently held a cocktail reception at the Power Plant, Contemporary Art Gallery at Harbourfront to view the exhibit, Press Enter ... Between Seduction and Disbelief. From left are Dr. Jay Alan Smith, president, Toronto chapter; Laura Rapp, Toronto board member; Donald E. Loeb, vice-president, Canadian Society; and Dr. Allan S. Gordon, past president, Toronto chapter.

CFHU NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

Pictured at the annual meeting of the national board of directors of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University (CFHU) held in Toronto recently are (from left) Prof. Eli Lederhendler of the Avraham Harman Institute for Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University, who discussed his area of research; Yoel Nesson, national director CFHU; and J. Stephen Lipper, national president CFHU, who was elected for another two year term. [Graphic Artists photo]

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they may have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

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It's True! They're be-a-ack!! "Rooftop Singles Party & BBQ" at the Bloor JCC (Spadina/Bloor) on Thurs. July 6 from 7 to 11 p.m. Admission $15. Tickets are being sold at Bloor JCC front desk. Limited number. Don't miss out. Further information 924-6211.

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The New Image 50+ Singles is having a mix and mingle and a jewellery sale on Sunday, July 2, at 7:30 pm at Earl Bales Community Centre. Watches by Eileen, other jewellery by Larry. Members $2; guests $3. Everybody welcome.

Anshei Minsk Synagogue a reminder of life in Jewish Kensington Market

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

Inside the Anshei Minsk Synagogue.

TORONTO — In the heart of Kensington Market, surrounded by Portuguese, Caribbean and Chinese shops and cafes, stands Anshei Minsk Synagogue, a palpable reminder of the years when this was a distinctly Jewish enclave.

The Minsker shul, a tall, buff brick building, has wide steps leading up to the main sanctuary. Inside, under a domed ceiling, stained glass windows diffuse a soft rainbow over polished dark wood. Gilded paintings flank the bimah.

The shul is now being considered for designation as a heritage building.

The congregation was founded in 1913 when a few local people met in a neighborhood home. Construction on the building, designed by architects Kaplan and Sprachman, began in 1920 and was completed in 1930.

Anshei Minsk was thriving until the Jewish population began moving north. Even then, the shul continued to draw men who worked in the garment trade on "The Avenue" — Spadina.

But as the clothing business changed, support for the shul dwindled and the congregation decreased, until the Jewish Educational Program (JEP), which has a link with Anshei Minsk, became involved.

In 1988, Rabbi Shmuel Spero, then in his early 30s, was brought from Cleveland. He reached out to singles and young people, without neglecting longtime members.

"Though we're Orthodox," he says, "everyone feels comfortable here."

Three years ago, Renee and Moe Wortzman brought their daughter to be named at Anshei Minsk. They had been searching for a shul with the traditions and "feeling" Renee recalled from B'nai Israel in her hometown, St. Catharines.

She is now sisterhood president, and she and Moe have become "den parents" to the singles who attend the shul. Young families are beginning to join.

The shul's weekly Friday night Shabbatons offer a means of helping "form a deeper connection to Judaism," says Rabbi Spero, as well as a time to socialize and form relationships.

After school Torah classes for youngsters and an adult Kabbalah study group are now offered. And there are weddings, bar mitzvahs, holiday celebrations and special events.

Anshei Minsk, Wortzman says, is the only downtown synagogue offering a daily minyan. She notes that the shul is convenient to hospitals and hotels.

The congregation has grown to almost 200. The hall where much of the daily activity is centred has been freshened and a mural by artist Ian Leventhal has been added.

Synagogue president is Dr. Mel Litman. Cantor for the past 42 years is Ruben Schwebel.

Carabram to feature Aelita

TORONTO — Well-known singer Aelita will produce and headline the stage show at the Israel Pavilion at Carabram.

Carabram, Brampton's annual multicultural festival, will be held this year from July 7 to 9. The 50 families of the city's Har Tikvah synagogue organize the Israel Pavilion every year, and last year won three of the four top prizes.

Aelita

Aelita, who sings in 14 languages, will perform in Hebrew, Yiddish, Russian and English, recreating, she told *The CJN*, "the sounds, the camaraderie, the vibrant joie de vivre that characterizes the people and the lifestyle in Israel."

A cast of dancers and musicians will take part in the show, which will feature authentic Israeli songs and dances, both modern and traditional.

The Israel Pavilion features a scenic walkway which includes three life-sized dioramas (including a camel), huge hand painted murals of the principal cities of Israel and a market bazaar offering handcrafts and exported products from Israel.

In Ziva's Kitchen, you can enjoy the tastes and aromas of such Jewish delicacies as lox and bagels, falafel, blintzes, latkes and mouthwatering desserts.

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The Carabram Israel Pavilion is at Heart Lake Secondary School, 292 Conestoga Dr., Brampton. For more information, call Aelita at 416-222-7573.

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Olmert wants talks to begin

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Reacting to news that the PLO intends to establish its own city council in East Jerusalem, he declared: "I'm not impressed. The PLO doesn't have the formal powers to do that. If [the PLO] violates the law, we will enforce the law."

He added: "Some people may be indicted. We'll have to take action."

Could this not lead to an international incident? "So what? If the world chooses to react to this, we'll cope with it."

Olmert urged the government to immediately close several PLO institutions in East Jerusalem which were opened in violation of the 1993 Declaration of Principles.

"Some of these institutes outrageously contravene the Oslo accord. I understand the government will close them."

Ehud Olmert

Olmert described PLO chairman Yasser Arafat as "a bad [negotiating] partner."

Complaining that Arafat has not fully kept his commitments, Olmert said Arafat has neither controlled terrorism nor cancelled the PLO's national covenant, which calls for Israel's destruction.

The Oslo process, he observed, will not "bring down Israel, but it's a very negative development which I regret."

Olmert suggested that if the Likud wins the next election, it will re-examine Israel's strategy at the peace talks.

"The PLO will have to come to terms with the government of the day," he observed. "I don't remember it was written in the Bible that there is only one way to negotiate."

Likud, he said, has a good chance of unseating the Labor party "if we're smart and responsible."

David Levy's defection from the Likud, he said, is insignificant. "It will have no outcome on the election."

Marx to conduct review of CJC election bylaws

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The commission membership will also be kept small. "If it's a 20-person group, I don't think anything will get done," she said.

Hecht praised the choice of Marx as chair, but said anything less than an "independent" review of this past election would be "whitewashing the past."

The last plenary — which he describes as a *balagan* — "left Congress facing a very fragmented, hurt Jewish community," he said. Hecht insisted that he is not seeking an annulment of the results, even though he feels the process was biased against him.

He said he may make a submission, if asked, to the commission.

The bylaws are not precise enough and open to too wide an interpretation, he said.

Hecht's personal preference is "one Jew, one vote," with all members of the Jewish community being eligible to vote right in their own city. As for the difficulty of determining 'who is a Jew,' Hecht is confident this could be worked out. "All societies set rules for eligibility to vote."

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Arizona still a cowboy's home

By ANITA SZABADI-GOTTESMAN
Special to The CJN

Maple trees are second nature to us. Palm trees seem somewhat familiar to Florida snowbirds and California dreamers but come face to face with a Saguaro (pronounced suh-wah-ro) cactus and life will never seem the same!

These majestic carnegiea gigantea or giant cacti line the streets as you drive through Phoenix. These cacti can grow 50 to 60 feet in height. They are found only in the Sonoran desert in central and southern Arizona. The Saguaro's large white blossom is Arizona's state flower.

The desert air, sweet as a soft breeze, combines with clear blue skies and brilliant sunshine — welcome to Arizona! I now know why Arizona is fast becoming one of the most travelled winter destinations. And I haven't even mentioned the golf courses! Renowned as a golfer's paradise, many hotels and resorts are located on beautifully groomed golf courses that stretch far into the desert.

Despite the modern surroundings, Arizona is still a cowboy's home. Beautiful horses and cattle roam free on large ranches just outside the city. Each year, Scottsdale hosts the world's largest Arabian horse show.

Many hotels and resorts are located on former ranch sites such as the famous McCormick Ranch Resort. A full range of accommodations are available in Phoenix and the suburbs of Scottsdale located just north east of the city.

Favored by Canadians

Scottsdale is a self-contained resort area favored by Canadians for its golf courses and tennis court on every corner set-up. Restaurants and beautiful shopping malls complete the picture.

However, the best way to appreciate your surroundings is to rent a car and drive into the desert. On our first drive around dusk one evening, we were astounded by the beautiful desert homes nestled in rock and sand beds surrounded by many different types of cacti. As we turned a corner, two coyotes sauntered past the car out for an evening stroll. Around the next bend, we had to brake quickly as a jackrabbit bounded across the road.

It's also worth the drive two hours north to Sedona. This artist's colony is hidden among the famed Arizona red rocks. Jeep tours are available that take you into the rock formations. The vistas and views are not to be missed. For the less adventuresome, Sedona's numerous art galleries provide a fascinating look at Arizona's many Indian nations which still thrive today.

I was truly impressed by Arizona's hospitality, the range of facilities available and the cleanliness of the entire Phoenix/Scottsdale corridor — but mostly by what nature has blessed Arizona with, which is available for all to enjoy.

Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

On Tuesday evening of last week, there were two items in the vicinity of Pearson Airport's Gate 103 that seemed easily capable of lifting off from the ground.

One of them was an Air Canada B-767-300 parked on the tarmac. The sleek, extended-range jetliner was about to achieve a milestone of sorts by flying direct from Toronto to Tel Aviv on the inaugural run of Air Canada's new twice-weekly Flight 884.

Also appearing ready to fly was Ruth Ben-Tzur — the usually terrestrial director of the Israel Government Tourist Office (IGTO) in Toronto — who seemed as buoyant as the helium balloons decorating the terminal for the special occasion. For a few moments, at least, Travel Talk was practically convinced that she was going to float right up to the ceiling.

Ruth Ben Tzur

"I feel like it's my wedding, or maybe that I'm giving birth — that's the feeling," said the ebullient IGTO chief, who has worked hard over her three years in Canada to make more flight options available for Canadians travelling to Israel.

There was music in the air as well as the aroma of freshly-cooked falafel. As singer Shelly Ovdat and her accompanist performed ballads about Jerusalem, passengers of Flight 884 stood in line to receive complimentary kosher falafels. And who knows? Curious passengers awaiting flights to London, Zurich and Hong Kong at nearby gates probably queued for falafels as well.

"Would you believe in Pearson Airport, an Israel celebration like this?" Ben-Tzur asked, glowing as she swept a hand over the usually subdued, businesslike Terminal 2. "With pictures of Israel all over the walls? Israeli songs? Falafels? Orange juice? It's like a dream come true."

Although Ben-Tzur is a strong supporter of Israel's national airline, El Al, she believes even more strongly in free enterprise and the right of the travelling public to have as many choices as possible for air travel. Before Air Canada's entry into the Middle Eastern market via Flight 884, El Al was the only airline offering direct flights from Canada to Israel.

"It's easier than ever before to get to Israel, and prices have dropped by 40 per cent — yes, that's what I said, 40 per cent — since Air Canada entered the market," Ben-Tzur said. "It's cheap now! Listen, you can't convince people to buy a product if they think it's expensive, and you can't force them to buy from only one source. They want a choice, they want good service and they want value for their dollar. And all this they're getting now."

There were speeches — short and sweet — after which Ben-Tzur and Air Canada senior vice-president Robert Milton jointly cut a red ribbon. Flight announcements for 884 were made in English, French — and Hebrew, an Air Canada first. Music played as passengers began to board; a woman danced briefly with a ticket-taker near the gate. The pilot, Capt. Wayne MacLellan, confided to a few well-wishers that he was quite excited because he had never been to Israel before.

More speeches and celebrations awaited passengers at the other end of the flight. They were reportedly greeted by Canadian ambassador Norman Spector and invited to a reception at his home the following evening for Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, who reached the Promised Land a few days earlier in the company of a trade delegation from Western Canada. The delegation — and probably some passengers aboard Flight 884 — were to attend a Canada-Israel free trade symposium the next day.

Air Canada executive vice-president and CEO Jean-Jacques Bourgeault told Travel Talk that a surprising proportion of those aboard Flight 884 consisted of American travellers.

"About 25 per cent of the people flying tonight are Americans connecting in Toronto from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Chicago, Miami," he said. "A lot of people are telling us we have a schedule that is extremely convenient for them."

Clearly, Air Canada officials are hoping the flight from Toronto to Tel Aviv — as well as its return, which involves selling Israelis on the joys of travel to Canada — will continue to be as popular as early indications show. If things go well, the airline may soon offer a direct flight from Montreal, possibly via a European gateway such as Paris.

Another reception was scheduled for Air Canada's inaugural return flight from Israel to Canada. Watch this space to see whether Ruth Ben-Tzur begins to float heavenward.

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Israel, Alberta ink economic cooperation treaty

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — Alberta Premier Ralph Klein signed an economic cooperation treaty with Israel here last week.

The agreement will focus on energy, technology and ecological trade — and should boost Alberta-Israel trade, which totalled less than $20 million in 1994.

Alberta business leaders who accompanied Klein on the trade mission concluded deals with Israeli companies amounting to at least $16 million.

Klein, who was accompanied by Alberta Minister of Federal and Intergovernmental Affairs Ken Rostad, addressed several business forums in Israel and paid a courtesy call to Palestinian Authority chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza.

The premier also signed a memorandum of understanding that will promote joint research and development projects between Alberta and Israeli firms under the auspices of the Canada-Israel Industrial Research and Development Foundation (CIIRDF). Under this scheme, the Alberta and Israeli governments agree to assume 50 per cent of the R&D costs of approved joint ventures in the private sector.

Earlier this month, Atlantic Canada signed a similar agreement with Israel.

"These agreements will promote Israel in areas where the country does not have a high profile," said Dr. Henri Rothschild, president of the CIIRDF, the year-old program modelled after the successful U.S.-Israel Binational R&D (BIRD).

Rothschild noted that of the eight Canadian-Israeli partnerships already approved by the CIIRDF, six involve Ontario firms. The Alberta and Atlantic Canada agreements will also provide additional funding to the CIIRDF, which used up two-thirds of its three-year ($6-million) budget in its first year.

In other trade news, Canada and Israel expect to sign and implement a free trade agreement (FTA) by Jan. 1, 1996, said Zohar Peri, head of the Israeli negotiating team. The next round of talks, scheduled to wind up in July, will determine whether that goal can be met, said Peri, speaking at a symposium held in Tel Aviv last week to explore the implications of such an agreement.

The main stumbling blocks are in the areas of agriculture and "rules of origin" of textiles and electronic devices, said Peri. Canada's insistence that all components of electronic devices be made in Israel to qualify under the FTA would have a detrimental effect on Israeli telecommunications exports, he said, explaining that standard components like printed circuits are made in Taiwan or the United States.

Despite this and other differences "there is strong will on both sides to finalize the agreement by Jan. 1," said Peri, the deputy director of the Israeli Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Canada-Israel trade amounted to only $260 million in 1994, but the signing of a free trade agreement is expected to boost this substantially.

Economics and Planning Minister Shimon Shetreet advised Canadian entrepreneurs to look towards Israel not only for bilateral trade, but as a regional centre for emerging markets. But he warned investors to be wary of Arab sensitivities.

"Don't think there is a new Middle East. The remnants of 100 years of conflict still exist. The Arab countries are wary of Israeli economic domination," he said, noting Israel's GNP is larger than that of all of its neighbors combined. "The most successful formula for trade is a triangular model with a Canadian, Israeli and Arab partner and an international title."

Shetreet said the most promising areas of trade in Israel and the Middle East are tourism, infrastructure, energy, water and agriculture. He cited several major Israeli infrastructure projects that require foreign expertise, including a Tel Aviv subway, a railroad system, a $1-billion dollar highway and a tunnel in the Carmel region.

THE END IN SIGHT

It may not be the average person's idea of fun, but in the Israeli army, you haven't really shown what you're made of until you participate in a long route march. Here, members of a parachute brigade complete a three-day, 100-kilometre march from Beit Lid, near Netanya, to Jerusalem. [Israenet photo]

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Adultery in Canada County

The Bridges of Madison County, a recent best-seller and box office hit, reviews the turmoil of a woman who discovers true romantic love while her decent (but unsatisfying) husband and children are away on a vacation. I believe the heroine, "Francesca", is based on a character by the same name in "Francesca and Paolo". The apparitions of these two adulterous lovers appear in the second circle of the *Inferno* (Hell) *in Dante's Divine Comedy*. Both become inextricably bound to their partners for eternity, reminding each other of the guilt they feel for their conduct and the pleasure of the "lost bliss" they once enjoyed.

In both cases, Francesca's husband would have no problem obtaining a divorce in Canada almost immediately, without having to wait the normal one year of separation between them. However, unless Francesca admitted to adultery, it would be too expensive and time-consuming to prove her actions to a Court. It's much cheaper and more expedient to await the completion of the one year of separation. Moreover, if Francesca and her husband were separated but still living under one roof, then the one year could begin from the moment they began to live separate lives, even though they continued to reside together. Moving into separate bedrooms or even abstaining from relations could start the one year.

However, if both wanted a quick divorce, and one or the other was already dating someone else, then a simple admission in a written affidavit could lead to a quick divorce judgement.

The only obstacle to such a quick divorce would be the lack of any agreement or payment of child support. Many men have been refused a divorce judgement because no child support agreement or order was in place when the request was made, or because they have been in arrears in their child support payments.

Otherwise, adultery carries no legal stigma in Canadian courts. Francesca's chances of obtaining custody of children would not be affected by her conduct. Indeed, Courts are increasingly recognizing that neglected spouses often seek comfort outside their marriage when their husbands (or wives) are too busy at the office to meet their fundamental emotional needs. However, an adulterer cannot sue for divorce based upon his or her adulterous actions. Only the "offended" spouse can do that and shorten the waiting period.

Francesca has not achieved that luxury in Canadian law yet. She would still have to sit and brood for a year in Dante's hell, accompanied by Paolo or Robert Kincaid — a constant memory of painful choices.

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Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Israel, PLO push to meet deadline

CJN Wire Services

JERUSALEM — Extensive negotiations will be held with the Palestinians this week in a "supreme effort" to reach an agreement by the July 1 target date, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said last Sunday night.

In his talks with Palestinian Authority (PA) chairman Yasser Arafat in Gaza Sunday, Peres told reporters, the two had "narrowed the gaps" on the sensitive issue of IDF redeployment from Palestinian population centres in the territories.

But with only days left before the July 1 target date for Israeli and Palestinian negotiators to conclude an agreement on the next phase of Palestinian self-rule, violent clashes are threatening to torpedo the process:

• Israeli soldiers shot and killed two Palestinian students Sunday and wounded at least 50 others during a demonstration in Nablus, one of several in the territories. The clash occurred near Juneid Prison, after some 500 people had marched from An-Najah University to express solidarity with hunger-striking prisoners.

• Also Sunday, a suspected Islamic Jihad suicide bomber detonated an explosive-laden donkey cart near the Jewish enclave of Neve Dekalim in Gaza, wounding three Israeli soldiers.

• On Saturday, a group of infiltrators from Jordan crossed into Israel. One was captured, another was shot dead two hours later, and as of Sunday, the third was still at large. Military sources said they intended to attack a Jewish target.

With the prisoners' hunger strike spreading from jail to jail over the past week, the issue was believed to have topped the agenda of talks between Peres and Arafat.

The PA is demanding a large-scale release of prisoners under the second-phase agreement now being negotiated.

Peres said an Israeli ministerial committee on prisoner releases would convene before the end of the week to discuss the issue.

The only specific commitment Peres gave was that 10 female prisoners would be freed shortly.

Under the terms of the Cairo Agreement signed by Israel and the PLO in May 1994, Israel released about 5,000 of the 10,000 prisoners it held at the time.

An estimated 6,000 prisoners remain in jails in Israel and the West Bank. Some 3,000 belong to Hamas, about 2,500 to Al Fatah and the rest to smaller factions.

About 2,000 prisoners are reportedly participating in the hunger strike, which is entering its second week.

On Sunday, a member of the ministerial committee, Police Minister Moshe Shahal, said each prisoner's case would be reviewed — with the goal of releasing prisoners — "without blood on their hands" — who were sick, old or had served most of their sentence.

Political observers here predicted that many hundreds of prisoners would be freed if the second phase of the self-rule agreement were concluded.

Negotiators are struggling to reach agreement on this next phase, which is supposed to include a redeployment of Israeli troops in the West Bank, to be followed by Palestinian elections.

Peres and Arafat said progress had been made but some issues remained unresolved, among them, according to Palestinian sources, the extent of the proposed Israel Defence Force redeployment from major Palestinian centres in the West Bank.

Israel is still proposing an initial pullout from four towns: Nablus, Kalkilya, Jenin and Tulkarm, according to these sources.

The Palestinians, however, are still demanding that Ramallah and Bethlehem be included.

But Israel says bypass roads are not yet in place around these two key cities located north and south, respectively, of Jerusalem.

Israeli officials say Ramallah and Bethlehem would be part of a "further redeployment," which would take place after the elections, targeted for November.

The PA is demanding that Israel commit to a binding timetable for such further redeployment.

Israeli sources said Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is likely to meet with Arafat before July 1 in an effort to bridge the gaps so that an agreement can be signed on or about the target date.

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Land claim possible for Syrian territory

CJN Wire Services

TEL AVIV — Israel may hold the title to a large chunk of Syria, purchased a century ago by the French Jewish financier Edmond de Rothschild, a newspaper reported last Wednesday.

The area is about the size of the disputed Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria in 1967. Syria is demanding a total Israeli withdrawal from the strategic plateau in exchange for peace.

In 1892, Rothschild bought 20,000 acres of Arab-owned land between the Jordan River and Damascus, some of it in the Golan, *The Globes* financial daily said.

Jewish immigrants from Romania briefly settled there, but the territory was mostly leased to Arab sharecroppers and businessmen until newly-independent Syria confiscated it in 1946, the report said.

It said Rothschild appealed, but the case was never settled. In 1957, the deeds and any future claim to the area were transfered to the state of Israel.

The paper said Israel could demand compensation for the land, and use its claim on it to counter Syria's demand for a complete Golan pullout.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor said the report was "interesting," but could not verify it. In any case, he said, land ownership claims were not relevant to the issue of sovereignty.

June 19:

• *Kol Israel* reported that chief of IDF intelligence Uri Seguy informed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in a private meeting that he had decided to resign from active service by the end of this week, one month earlier than planned. Seguy's request was said to be motivated by the fact that he was overlooked by the chief of staff to head the military mission in Washington negotiating with Syria.

• *Davar* reported that UN official Terje Larson, a Norwegian academic, told senior Foreign Ministry officials the economic situation and the general morale of Palestinians in the Gaza Strip has improved. Larsen is the senior UN official responsible for coordinating financial aid to the Palestinians.

June 20:

• *Ha'aretz* reported that the American investment bank Bankers Trust has purchased a 15 per cent share in Enigma Information Systems, considered by many analysts to be a world leader in electronic publishing.

• Speaking before the foreign affairs and security committee of the Knesset, chief of staff Amnon Shahak announced that the tour of duty for reservists in combat units will be reduced by nine days per year.

June 21:

• Foreign Minister Shimon Peres met in Amman with Jordanian Crown Prince Hassan to discuss the prince's upcoming visit to Israel and issues of joint concern in science, water, and agriculture. Peres' visit follows a visit to Amman earlier in the week by Member of Knesset and head of the Histadrut Haim Ramon.

• A Knesset sub-committee recommended to the prime minister that the storied Nahal unit of IDF be disbanded.

June 22:

• According to *Maariv*, Yasser Arafat plans to move from Gaza to Ramallah after the IDF pulls out of the West Bank city. The paper also reported that the city was expected to become the seat of the Palestinian Council after elections are convened.

June 23 :

• Katyusha rockets fired from south Lebanon fell in western Galilee killing one person and injuring at least eight. After the attack, Israeli warplanes struck back at Hezbollah bases in southern Lebanon. The attack occurred one week after a similar incident in which eight Israeli civilians were injured.

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Falafels rise up against fast food

By MAURY KELMAN

With the flurry of activity and news emanating from Israel at all times, one sometimes misses the truly important issues, the ones that shape the country's identity. The latest snag in the peace talks, religious-secular tension over the closing of Jerusalem streets and constant coalition manoeuverings are clearly crucial topics, yet one recent story surely demanded more press than it received.

THE TEXTURE OF LIFE IN ISRAEL

I speak, of course, of the scoop that Israeli soldiers on patrol in southern Lebanon used their cellular phones to order pizza from northern Israel, meeting the deliverymen at the border to collect their precious pies. When queried about these reports, an Israeli army spokesperson replied, "The army is looking into this matter now."

I can envision the scene. Yuval and Nachman are riding in their jeep, checking for mines, terrorists and other pleasant surprises when suddenly Yuval cries out, "967-11-11, phone Pizza Metulla, hey, hey, hey."

Nachman, sensing the urgency of the matter, tries to placate Yuval. "Yuval," he says in his soft, army lieutenant voice, "we should probably finish our mission here now, but afterwards, I promise I'll order you a large pie with all the extras to go."

Yuval, though, is in no mood to wait. He whips out his new cellular phone, given to him by his anxious mother in order to call home three times a day, and dials the number.

"Hi, this is Yuval calling. I'd like to order a pie ... Ya, that's right — just like yesterday's. I'll meet you by the Pizza Fence in 30 minutes."

And off Yuval excitedly gallops, dodging land mines and, more dangerously, his superiors as he anticipates his little snack.

Passing his fellow soldiers, who munch on Burger King fries and Kentucky Fried Chicken, Yuval already begins to plan his next dinner order. "My oh my," he exclaims, "I never realized that army life was such a blast."

Cellular phones and pizza. It seems that no matter where you go in Israel, you'll find either. The really impressive Israelis munch on their pizza while speaking on their *pelefone* (wonderphone).

The image of the sun-drenched sandal-wearing kibbutznik spitting out sunflower seeds while singing pioneer folk songs has somewhat lost its resonance. In his stead is the slick businessman, stock market report in one hand, cellular phone in the other. No sunflower seeds for this jetsetter, thank you very much.

This pizza proliferation has been accompanied by a burgeoning burger bonanza. The Israeli heavyweight Burger Ranch has been forced to share its stake in hamburger heaven with McDonald's and Burger King. While McDonald's has yet to take the kosher plunge, the first ever kosher Burger King has opened in Jerusalem to an excited and hungry population.

Along with the continually expanding Domino's and Pizza Hut, Israel has now witnessed the infiltration of major world food players into its midst. While many, especially those in the financial sector, applaud the internationalization of the Israeli food sector, those in the falafel industry shudder at the opening of the newest Burger King or Pizza Hut outlet.

This writer has recently learned falafel store owners across Israel have secretly formed a new political party — FAT (Falafel Association for Tomorrow). With the support of true falafel lovers across Israel, FAT hopes to win at least 20 seats in the next election, holding the balance of power in the government. Their campaign includes some of the following resolutions:

Baby falafel allowance, entitling each child through his/her first 18 years to 12 falafels a month (falafels may be reinvested each month, generating compound falafels to be eaten on child's 18th birthday);

A halt to peace talks until falafel is declared Israel's national food, which will coincide with the transformation of all burger and pizza stores into chickpea greenhouses;

And the right of return to all banished falafel store owners.

When asked to respond to these rumors, my local falafel shop owner vehemently denied the accusations. While no customers were in sight, he seemed unconcerned by the threat of the new food competition.

"Ehhh, ehhh," he declared. "They won't last. these new places. It's not real food. Here I give real food, man's food, you know, the kind you eat with your hands. The pita, it should have holes in it, so the *tehina* drips all over you. And none of this clean business. No forks or spoons. we use our hands for everything. You'll see. The real Israeli will come back."

What will the future hold? Will Jew and Arab walk harmoniously together, pizza in one hand, falafel in the other? Will the burger and falafel learn to live side by side in mutual respect and tolerance? Or will FAT conquer its rivals, leading to the installation of a giant falafel at Ben-Gurion Airport, with tourists greeted by Israel's new mascot, Fred the Falafel singing *Ode to the Falafel*? Stay tuned for the next chapter of Falafel Wars.

Burg takes reins of WZO

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Avraham Burg has been officially elected chair of the World Zionist Organization (WZO).

The election came at last week's opening session of the Zionist General Council. The council is the supreme legislative body of the Zionist Congress, which convenes every four years.

The 192 delegates of the Zionist General Council voted unanimously for Burg, who has served as acting chair of the WZO/Jewish Agency for Israel since February.

Burg was also scheduled to be ratified as chair of the Jewish Agency this week. He is then expected to resign from his Labor Knesset seat.

In his inauguration speech, Burg called for the reorganization and restructuring of the two bodies that have been the central vehicles for Israel-Diaspora relations.

Burg repeated his slogan, "One People — One Body," leaving little doubt he was referring to a much talked-about merger between the organizations.

Such a plan would effectively close the WZO as an independent organization.

Today, the WZO, which promotes aliyah and Zionist activities, acts as an equal partner in the Jewish Agency, which spends more than $400 million annually on immigration and resettlement, and other social services in Israel.

The Jewish Agency's money comes from United Jewish Appeal and Keren Hayesod campaigns overseas.

The WZO receives its budget of roughly $30 million from an arrangement reached with the agency.

Burg assured delegates that any changes in the agency and WZO would come as a result of discussion, debate, compromise and consent.

His blueprint, called "*Brit Am* — the People's Covenant," which was distributed to delegates, spells out Burg's vision of the Israel-Diaspora relationship, which he feels needs a strong infusion of Jewish education.

Avraham Burg

Hungary to return seized property: PM

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The prime minister of Hungary has assured Jewish leaders that religious property seized during World War II will be returned within a 10-year period.

The pledge was made earlier this month during Prime Minister Gyula Horn's visit to the United States.

The property includes Jewish schools and synagogues, said the World Jewish Congress' Elan Steinberg, who attended a meeting between Horn and WJC officials here.

Next month, the Hungarian government's working committee on restitution is scheduled to meet with Jewish representatives in Budapest, Steinberg said.

"Jewish property will be considered on an equal basis with the others," he said.

He added that by Sept. 30, a list of property to be returned would be finalized.

Compensation for religious property that cannot be returned would take place over a period of two decades.

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Anti-Semitism in Poland on Clinton's agenda

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SAN FRANCISCO — U.S. President Bill Clinton was scheduled to meet here on Monday with Polish President Lech Walesa, who has been under fire for his delay in responding to an anti-Semitic sermon delivered in his presence.

The *Zycie Warszawy* newspaper in Warsaw quoted White House officials as saying Clinton had agreed to meet under one condition: He wanted to discuss anti-Semitism in Poland.

As a Nobel Peace Prize winner, Walesa was invited to attend the United Nations' 50th anniversary session in San Francisco. He had been hoping to meet there with Clinton.

But the White House had been noncommittal and there were reports Walesa might be snubbed because he had refused to condemn the anti-Semitic statements of his old friend, Rev. Henryk Jankowski.

After nearly two stormy weeks of protest over Rev. Jankowski's comments, Walesa issued a statement last week saying he opposed anti-Semitism and would not allow it while he was president. But he said he could not comment on Rev. Jankowski's statements.

At a June 11 Mass at St. Brygida in Gdansk, which Walesa attended, the priest said, "The Star of David is implicated in the swastika as well as in the hammer and sickle." Rev. Jankowski urged Poles to "wake up" to Jewish "dangers," adding, "We can no longer tolerate being governed by people who have not declared whether they come from Moscow or Israel."

Three days later, Rev. Jankowski issued a statement saying, "Jews, like all other people, happen to do unbecoming things in public life, just like they happen to do very noble things.

"I mean first of all their activities as bankers and financiers. A lot of human tragedy came as a result of these activities," the priest said.

Throughout, Walesa refused to repudiate Rev. Jankowski's comments.

A church committee for dialogue with Jews later issued a statement rejecting Rev. Jankowski's remarks and asking forgiveness from "those who feel offended." Some church officials and several journalists condemned the statements.

On Thursday, in a one-hour telephone conversation with Nobel Peace Prize winner and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, Walesa said he did not condemn Rev. Jankowski because the church has done so and the church is the highest authority.

"He said that had he heard it [the remarks], he would have left the church in the middle of the sermon and that is a strong statement, especially in Catholic Poland," Wiesel told the Associated Press.

"I see it as a condemnation of the Rev. Jankowski's words," Wiesel said.

During the "very emotional conversation" with Wiesel, Walesa said he would tell Rev. Jankowski there is no place for anti-Semitism in his entourage and that an anti-Semite can never be his friend, according to Wiesel.

During commemorations in January of the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz death camp, Wiesel and Walesa finally made peace after weeks of controversy over the observances. Jewish groups had complained that the ceremonies, as planned, did not give enough weight to Jewish suffering at the hands of the Nazis.

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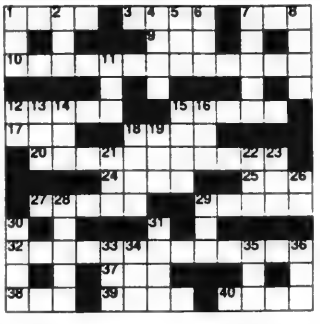

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3 Smack
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10 Self examination
12 Pioneering and Fighting Youth
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17 French for isle
18 Provoke
20 Inflating a balloon to widen an artery
24 Throw
25 Over
27 Hebrew letter
29 Dam built under Nasser
32 Two NHL teams together
37 Dupe
38 Mistake
39 Arnie - bought old tanks in San Francisco and shipped them to Israel as scrap in 1948
40 Sixth month of Jewish civil calendar

DOWN

1 Operation - Baba
2 Beyond limits
4 Cried
5 Beverage
6 Nervous twitch
7 Week of mourning at home
8 First name of actor in The Conversation (1974)
11 Artist's medium
12 Nickel
13 According to
14 Charm
15 Type of water used for karpas
16 Crete mountain
18 Objective
19 Goddess
21 Chill
22 Tug
23 Yes
26 Royal Navy
28 Internal
29 It takes - kinds to make a world
30 Small island
31 Rabbit in Uncle Remus
33 Every - must stand on its own bottom
34 Suffix meaning simple sugar
35 Live - learn
36 Noble

Answers for June 22

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Klezmer bands set to entertain at Ashkenaz fest

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Ashkenaz, a festival of New Yiddish Culture that unfolds at Toronto's Harbourfront July 4 to 9, features more than 100 performers and artists whose work explores the roots of Eastern European Jewish culture of centuries past.

Yet most bring a contemporary edge to their art that combines past, present and future.

"The essence of Klezmatics is this," explained Frank London, trumpeter in the six-piece klezmer band from New York's Lower East Side. "We're a tightly traditional klezmer group, and we've really studied the tradition and worked within it. But at the same time, we've also developed our own identity, which is really modern and cutting edge in the way we approach the music. We give people a very modern view of Jewish music from within the tradition."

Myron Schulz of the Winnipeg klezmer band Finjan offered a similar view of klezmer as a "traditional-nontraditional hybrid. We try to maintain elements of the traditional style such as energy, harmony, melody and, in some respects, arrangement. At the same time, we stretch out into other genres that are complementary to the style."

According to Schulz, klezmer helps listeners appreciate their ancestral heritage. "There's been an increasing awareness of roots and a desire for roots-type- music," he said. "With klezmer music — I'm getting a little mystical here — I think it really communicates with people on a subconscious level and draws them in."

The Klezmatics and Finjan are two of several well-known klezmer bands booked for the festival. Others include the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band from Canada, Muzsikas from Budapest, and the U.S.-based Brave Old World. As well, Klezmatic Frank London is appearing with Palestinian oud and violin virtuoso Simon Shaheen as part of what a festival publicity release describes as a "groove oriented Arab/Yiddish fusion quintet."

"The idea is to put both our musical experiences together and come together on two divurgent instruments, bringing together Arabic and Jewish traditions of music," he said.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Fringe of Toronto Festival: This annual celebration of independent theatre, now in its seventh season, utilizes six theatres, each with 13 different productions, all within walking distance of each other in Toronto. For the standard ticket price of $7, you may attend such potentially interesting and unusual theatrical fare as:

- *Crawling From the Wreckage*, adapted from Charlotte Delbo by Alan Jones; staged by Gut Reaction. Written by a French resistance fighter and survivor of Auschwitz and Ravensbruck, the play juxtaposes two women's different responses to their torture under the Nazis. At The Glen Morris Studio.
- *Hecatomb*, a Chekhovian retelling of the Frankenstein myth, by the Mad Savages. Playwright and producer Naomi Savage is a student at the University of Toronto, and director Rebecca Brown is attending Playwright's Horizons in New York. At St. Vladimir Theatre.
- *Voyeur*, with actor/writer/director Evan Brooker, an exploration of fantasy and voyeurism versus reality. At the Annex Theatre.

The Fringe of Toronto Festival takes place June 30 to July 9. For further details, call 416-534-5919 or visit the box office, 293 Brunswick Ave., Toronto, open 12 to 8 p.m. daily during the festival.

Dracula in the Bales: Skylight Theatre and Arbour Festival Theatre present *Dracula, Nightmare of the Dead* at the Barry Zukerman Amphitheatre in Earl Bales Park, North York, from July 5 to August 6. Bram Stoker's literary creation is brought to life in this new adaptation by Canadian playwright Allan Stratton. With the eerie tree line of the park serving as an atmospheric backdrop, the play "will terrify and thrill audiences who dare to venture to the park at night," promises its promo. Admission by donation; all performances 8.30 p.m. 416-392-3846.

Canada Day & Klezmer: Prepare for lots of festivities, July 1 at Earl Bales Park, beginning at 4 p.m. with the Band of the Royal Regiment of Canada. At 8.30 p.m., hear the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band +4 followed at 10.30 p.m. by fireworks.

Upcoming Talent at Earl Bales: Performances include the National Ballet of Canada's Concert Group (August 9 & 10, 8 p.m.), Eva Fishman (August 13, 7.00 p.m.), children's magician Helena Fine and her Magical Basket (August 15, 6.30 p.m.), and classical pianist Yuval Fichman (August 16, 8 p.m.).

Student Video Wins Competition: *Bagel Boulevard*, a video produced by students of Beth Tikvah Congregation high school in Richmond, B.C., has won the second annual North American Jewish video competition.

Made in cooperation with Rogers Cable, the half-hour video tells the story of Chanukah, using a *Sesame Street* format but with live actors rather than puppets. It was directed by Joan Cohen, wife of the synagogue's rabbi.

Announcement of the award was made by the Judah L. Magnes Museum, the Jewish museum of the West, based in Berkeley. The video is among those to be shown at a Jewish film festival in Berkeley in July and August, and during a three-month exhibition of videos starting in November.

Rogers told Beth Tikvah it will distribute the film to all its outlets across Canada for showing at Chanukah.

Fiddler At O'Keefe: The original New York stage production of *Fiddler On The Roof*, directed and choreographed by Jerome Robbins, plays at the O'Keefe Centre for the Performing Arts, Toronto, Sept. 12 to 17.

A gala performance in support of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University is set for Sept. 13 at 8 p.m. Merle Goldman, 416-485-8000.

Better Late Than Never Department: Echoes of Angels, art by Rochelle Rubinstein Kaplan and Lanny Shereck, on display at York Quay Gallery, 235 Queen's Quay W., Toronto, until July 23. Gallery hours, 12 to 6 p.m., Tuesday to Sunday.

The work of prominent American artist Helen Frankenthaler, internationally recognized for her radiant colour and lyrical sense of abstraction, is on view at Gallery One, 121 Scollard St., Toronto to Sept. 1.

In Brief: *Make A Wish*, with Sharon, Lois & Bram, combines music and fantasy created through songs and special visual effects to introduce children to the Planetarium experience. Opens at The McLaughlin Planetarium, Bloor St. at Avenue Rd., Toronto, June 30, 1.30 p.m.

The Diary of Anne Frank is in performance July 12 to 30 at the Annex Theatre, 730 Bathurst St., Toronto, produced by Tribal Productions Inc. Reservations, 416-539-8755.

'Obscene' play presented

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Though it was shut down as "obscene" in New York in 1923, a play about a Jewish brothel owner and his wife who fail to protect the innocence of their 17-year-old daughter was presented without incident recently at Holy Blossom Temple.

A sold-out audience gave a standing ovation to *God of Vengeance* by Sholem Asch, presented by the new Temple Stagecraft Company.

Written in Yiddish in 1907, and taking place in a Polish provincial town, *God of Vengeance* was described as a "morality play" by Rabbi Dow Marmur who moderated the discussion following.

In the play, the brothel operator pays a large amount for a copy of a Torah scroll which he puts in his daughter's room to protect her virtue. When it turns out that Rivkele (the daughter) starts a lesbian relationship with one of the prostitutes, her angry father, Yankele, played by Joel Rose, calls off her marriage to a "respectable" Jew, and orders her to the brothel.

"I think the play is extremely relevant today," said director Joanne Rose. "Parents must live a good example if we are to have Jewish continuity."

"It shows the folly of pinning all your hopes on your children," said producer Roberta Presser.

Rose came across *God of Vengeance* in the Latner Jewish Public Library, and it falls neatly into the footsteps of the Temple Players of 20 year ago, who, under director Basya Hunter, staged many controversial plays.

The new company, which includes members of the temple's board and committees, hopes to stage the play again at the temple later this year.

The cast included Heather Finestone, Susanne Eiger, Alan Heavenrich, Judy Malkin, Jennifer Kepes, Catherine Bianco, Ellen Krabanow, Roberta Presser, Judy Kent, Gerry Babins, Roseanne Revzen and Christine File.

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Book outlines ways to network

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Having to talk to strangers is a common social fear; so networking can be a scary prospect for many of us.

But if one can overcome this fear, there are substantial rewards to be reaped, said the author of a new book on networking.

If we are determined enough to expand our networks we can make contact with almost anyone, said Barry Siskind, and by using our networks we will eventually get the business lead or the job we want.

In *Making Contact: Master the Art of Networking to Develop New Business Leads, Uncover Hidden Opportunities and Enhance Your Career* (Macmillan Canada, $19.95), Siskind outlines several ways of controlling fears and anxieties and the self-defeating behavior that often arises from them. For example, he suggests analyzing negative thoughts such as "I'm always the only one at every one of these events who never knows anyone else."

He said the book prepares people psychologically for "the worst case" scenario — a roomful of strangers. It is also a guide to setting networking objectives, finding mentors, creating networking opportunities and understanding the process of networking.

Networking requires a lot of effort, Siskind stressed. At a networking event, he recommends working the room and meeting six people an hour. Anything less and you're taking it too easy.

If the room is full of strangers, he recommends finding someone who is alone "waiting to be approached," and starting a conversation.

Making Contact is full of tips for the inexperienced networker: take a deep breath and enter confidently, maintain eye contact during a conversation and listen to what the other person is saying.

"Listening is the act of making sure you really hear what the other person is saying," says Siskind. "And most of us are not as good at this as we think."

His list of the don'ts of networking include smoking, telling offensive jokes, drinking excessively, name dropping and complaining.

Siskind admitted he used to be "a pretty crummy networker" until he networked while researching his book. "I had to go out and do it and prove it worked," he said.

His inspiration for writing the book came from trade shows — "the granddaddy of networking," he said. A trade-and-consumer-show expert who helps exhibitors with their presentations, he realized that there are many other networking opportunities and thought the subject deserved a book.

Available across Canada, *Making Contact* has sold out in several bookstores. Siskind expects it will be a bestseller.

He called networking "the cheapest and fastest way of finding new business contacts or a new job" and attributed the current interest in networking to the economy. "So many people are opening up home-based businesses and the best way to do that is to establish a network," he said.

Chickens Get Reprieve

MONTREAL — An adequate supply of kosher chickens in Montreal has been assured for at least the next six months following the takeover of Marvid Poultry of Canada Inc. by a group of local Jewish businessmen.

According to Fred Pfeiffer, a member of the governing presidium of the Vaad Ha'ir, which oversees kashrut in Montreal, a last-minute reprieve was hammered out on June 19 between businessman Moishe Friedman, representing the Jewish group's interests, and Aliments Flamingo, which owned Marvid's, following a week of intensive negotiations.

Despite the fact that Marvid supplies well over 50 per cent of Montreal's kosher chickens, when Flamingo announced the planned closure of the Marvid plant in April, it blamed $3 million in losses dating back to 1988. Volaille Mascouche and Continental are the other kosher chickens suppliers in Montreal, the latter catering mostly to the ultra-Orthodox community.

$100 Million In Deals Expected

JERUSALEM — Business deals totaling some $100 million (US) were expected to be made at the fifth Business Forum and Conference, said forum chair Eitan Adres.

Almost 800 businesspeople from 25 countries attended the three-day event in Haifa last week. More than 180 Israeli business and industrial concerns presented their wares, seeking export markets or investment capital.

The United States and Canada lead in the number of overseas participants, who include Ralph Klein, premier of Alberta; Paul Bauman, deputy chair of Johnson and Johnson; Kewell president Jack Miller; and Tony Porter, vice-president of Hilton International.

May's CPI Rise Highest In '95

JERUSALEM — Israel's Consumer Price Index jumped one per cent in May, taking most economists by surprise, as moderating housing prices suddenly shot up in reaction to last month's devaluation of the shekel against the dollar.

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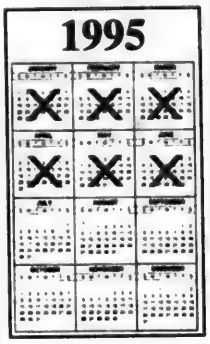

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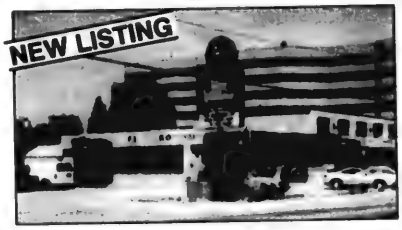

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Buddy Derlick on May 25, 1995, late of 10 Shalimar Blvd. #610
Phil Sweiden on May 25, 1995, late of 204 Rosemary Rd.
Sonia Sidenberg on May 24, 1995, late of 351 Christie St.
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Sheila Bender on May 26, 1995, late of 10 Josephine Rd.
Samuel Kliman on May 26, 1995, late of 176 Upper Canada Dr.
Wendy Kates on May 26, 1995, late of 8 Livingstone Rd.
Lucy Wright on May 28, 1995, late of 550 Cummer Ave.
Alexander Feter on May 30, 1995, late of 2132 Dundas St. West
Ethyl Spector on May 29, 1995, late of 33 Christie St.
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Ann Meyers on May 31, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Lillian Rose on May 31, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Roy Fisher on May 31, 1995, late of 10 Shalimar Blvd. Apt. #209
Rose Gottfried on June 2, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Anne Burns on June 1, 1995, late of 30 Tilbury Dr.
Harry Zemitsky on June 3, 1995, late of 4266 Bathurst Street #516
Andy Reich on June 4, 1995, late of 25 Lower Village Gate
Ernest Shapiro on June 4, 1995, late of 9 Cartwheel Millway
Manny Pullan on June 3, 1995, late of Sunnybrook Veterans Building
Pearl Markusoff on June 5, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst Street
Alice Caplin on June 6, 1995, late of 645 Castlefield Avenue
Harry Kirshenblatt on June 7, 1995, late of 169 Brighton Avenue
Marsha Pezim on June 7, 1995, late of 1 Benvenuto Place #425
Mynne Shugar on June 8, 1995, late of 18 Lower Village Gate #405
Rhoda Hoppenheim on June 8, 1995, late of 44 Kimbergate Way
Gisele Javor on June 9, 1995, late of 31 Tichester Rd. #611
Alice Gottelb on June 9, 1995, late of 65 Spring Garden Ave. #2104
Felix Fiam on June 9, 1995, late of 130 Neptune Dr. #706
Morris Gottlieb on June 10, 1995, late of 342 Spadina Rd. #205
David Leiter on June 11, 1995, late of 87 Betty Ann Drive
Helen Cohen on June 12, 1995, late of 6 DeQuincy Blvd.
Ernest Koranyi on June 12, 1995, late of 148 Almore Avenue
Pearl Topiltsky on June 11, 1995, late of 20 Shalimar Blvd. #711
Belle Cutler (Tater) on June 13, 1995, late of 7 Townsgate Dr. #716
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Alfred Silverman on June 13, 1995, late of 3636 Bathurst Street #1410

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330 OBITUARIES

Karl Sterk on June 15, 1995, late of 3705 Bathurst Street
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Maxwell Lewis on June 15, 1995, late of 10 Avoca #1804
Claire Friedman on June 17, 1995, late of 3800 Yonge St. #104
Hy Perzow on June 18, 1995, late of 80 Antibes Dr. #2302
Helen Goldstein on June 19, 1995, late of 49 Brookview Dr.

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Krasman, David on June 12, 1995, late of 6200 Bathurst St. #1207
Goldfield, Haim on June 12, 1995, late of 30 Harding Blvd. #401
Pacter, Rose on June 13, 1995, late of 4981 Bathurst St. #99
Samet, David on June 13, 1995, late of Cheltenham Nursing Home
Silwowicz, Jacob on June 16, 1995, late of 172 Searle Ave.
Goldblett, Robert on June 16, 1995, late of 197 Vaughan Rd. #303
Jacobs, William on June 17, 1995, late of 14 Corwin Cres.
Guttman, Frank on June 17, 1995, late of 55 Ameer ave.

Steeles Memorial Chapel

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SAM (Szmulek) GROSMAN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, July 2nd 11:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
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The unveiling of a monument in memory of
MICHAEL SALSBERG ז"ל
will take place
Tuesday, July 4th 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Warshawer Lodzer Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
FRANK LEVY ז"ל
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Sunday, July 2nd 10:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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Relatives and friends are invited to attend

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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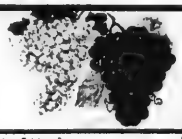

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Auschwitz photos a mystery

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

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More than 2,400 photographs were found in a suitcase in Block 24 of the main camp of Auschwitz in January 1945. One package of 16 can be traced back to Ontario.

All the pictures found in the suitcase are personal photographs confiscated by the Germans when their owners arrived in Auschwitz – images of loved ones and special moments in the lives of the condemned.

"WHICH OF THE TWO IS PRETTIER?" **This question is a translation of the Yiddish inscription which was written on the back of this photograph. The number on the 1936 Ontario license plate is CX-355. The photo was one of thousands found in the suitcase in Auschwitz.**

Sharon Muller, a photo archivist at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., recently sent *The CJN* a letter, in which she enclosed seven of the 16 snapshots that had been sent to Poland from a family of Jewish immigrants to Canada in the late 1930s.

In one of the pictures, there is a car bearing a clearly visible 1936 Ontario licence plate, CX-355. In front of the car are a mother and daughter; the Yiddish caption reads, "Which of the two is prettier?"

One photo of two young children is marked, "Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden." Another of a child at the beach is inscribed, "Here you have a 'natural' picture of your grandchild." Two young women at a summer resort are identified as "Two happy mothers." And one of a young child in a snowsuit is captioned, "Winter in Canada, but only for hearty little girls."

Muller hopes that, with the help of *The CJN*, she will be able to identify this family.

Until recently, she says, the photographs have been seen only by a handful of survivors and researchers, but the general public will soon be able to see them in the photo archives of the Holocaust Museum Research Institute in Washington.

Until last year the photographs were housed in the archives of the National Museum of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Then two staff members of the Washington museum archives went to Poland to view the collection.

After nine months of negotiations, the photographs were brought to Washington for duplication and archival cataloguing.

Some of the photos depict Jewish family and community life in Eastern Europe, mainly Poland. They portray courtships, marriages, births, family outings, vacations and youth group activities.

The collection also includes several dozen photographs of Jews wearing badges or armbands in the ghettos in the early 1940s.

Muller says one of the most touching images of the entire collection is a photograph of a father showing his two year old son a framed picture of his grandparents.

"It was the continuity between generations illustrated in this photograph that was forever lost as a result of the Holocaust," she says.

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Storm over leaked document

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The top Israeli and Syrian military commanders wound up three days of talks in Washington last week. At the same time, the government and the opposition in Israel traded verbal blows over a leaked document connected with the talks.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who had earlier denied the existence of the document, which was disclosed by Likud opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu, later termed it "stolen."

A political firestorm erupted in the Knesset when Netanyahu said the document represented Rabin's instructions to Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shahak for his talks with his Syrian counterpart in Washington.

Rabin called Netanyahu's claim a lie, insisting that he had never seen the document, which, he said, was an internal working paper of the Israel Defence Force.

Netanyahu hit back, calling Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres "liars" for trying to deny the validity of the document.

Media reports attributed the document to Brig.-Gen. Zvi Stauber, a member of Shahak's team in Washington.

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Changes in *The CJN*

As part of *The CJN*'s commitment to strive to extend the "reach" of the paper and to respond to the positive suggestions of our readers, we have introduced a number of changes in this issue.

1. The major stories from the Greater Toronto Area are now at the front of the paper before the stories from Coast to Coast. This has been done to improve the focus and the flow of the placement of news.

2. Rabbi Baskin's Book Reviews will now appear in the Jewish Life section.

3. Sheldon Kirshner's Mideast Analysis will appear in the Everywhere section.

4. We inaugurate two advice columns. Ask Ella appears in this issue and will alternate each week with Dear Jesse. Ella will deal with questions on a wide variety of subjects that touch the lives of *CJN* readers. Jesse will deal with questions of particular interest to senior citizens.

5. Travel, Arts, and Business are being rolled into one section called TAB *news*.

Over the course of the next few weeks *CJN* readers will notice a "refreshed" roster of columnists. We will be introducing Prof. Emil Fackenheim, Rabbi David Hartman, Prof. Morton Weinfeld and a group of young columnists who will write about college and campus life.

VACATION ... VACATION

During the upcoming Canada Day holiday, *The CJN* offices will be closed Monday, July 3. The offices will also remain closed that week to allow for vacation time.

There will be no issue of July 13.

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The News In Brief Everywhere

CANADA

Witnesses Sought

OTTAWA — The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are looking for witnesses to Nazi atrocities committed in Ukraine, the former Soviet Union and Latvia.

The RCMP is searching for people who lived in or near the villages and towns of Kislovodsk, Galtchik, Mineraluye Vodi, Skalat and Ternopol in the former Soviet Union during World War II; those who lived in or near Vorms, Berezovka Rayon and Odessa Oblast in Ukraine from 1941 to 1944; and individuals who were in the Kaiserwald or Bikernieki Forest area of Latvia between July 1941 and December 1942.

Those with information are asked to call 613-990-8484.

Kudos for J'lem Pavilion

TORONTO — The Jerusalem pavilion won first runner-up as best overall pavilion in this year's Festival Caravan. The Zena Kossar Award for Best Pavilion went to Evora, a town in Portugal. Second runner-up was Tokyo.

The Jerusalem pavilion was the winner in the best Traditional Show category.

Pass Hate Bill: CJC

OTTAWA — Canadian Jewish Congress last week urged Canada's Senate to pass Bill C-41 as quickly as possible.

Appearing before the Senate committee on legal and constitutional affairs, Congress officials urged swift passage of the bill, which would allow for harsher punishments of hate crimes.

The House of Commons passed the bill earlier this month.

UBC Honorary Degrees

VICTORIA — Two Jewish showbiz notables recently received honorary doctorate degrees from the University of British Columbia.

Theatre impresario Garth Drabinsky and film director Arthur Hiller were honored.

Drabinsky is slated to open a theatre in Vancouver this fall. Hiller, a former resident of Edmonton and Toronto who now lives in Los Angeles, has directed a number of hit Hollywood movies.

New OJC Leaders

KELOWNA, B.C. — Larry Teal was elected president of the Okanagan Jewish Community (OJC) at the group's recent annual meeting. He succeeds Anita Nadler.

Other OJC officials include Evan Orloff, Susan Chernovsky, Susan Shawlee, Felicity Fuchs and Steven Fagen.

The group's annual picnic is scheduled for July 9.

Winnipeg Holds Line

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council (WJCC) is holding the line on expenditures, despite an additional $50,000 raised last year by the Combined Jewish Appeal drive.

The 1995-96 budget has been frozen at $392,132, said Jack Cipilinsky, the WJCC's director of finance. The only addition to funding has been $15,453 allocated to the March of the Living and to the Special Needs program.

The 1994-95 campaign raised nearly $900,000 for local needs.

Order of Canada

OTTAWA — Several prominent Jewish Canadians were named to the Order of Canada last week.

Among the 26 new Officers, the Order's second highest rank, are Winnipeg media mogul Israel Asper, theatre impresario Garth Drabinsky, philanthropist Murray Koffler (promoted from Member) and Montreal volunteer Sheila Kussner (promoted from Member).

Among the 50 new Members are cellist Ofra Harnoy, Edmonton scientist Cyril Kay and Toronto businessman David Mirvish.

ISRAEL

Bomb Wounds Soldier

JERUSALEM — An Israeli soldier was wounded in a Hezbollah roadside bomb attack in the Lebanese security zone last Tuesday.

An army spokesperson said troops were on patrol when an explosive device was detonated nearby.

Hezbollah said it had detonated two roadside bombs alongside an Israel Defence Force (IDF) infantry patrol.

'No Charity:' Rabin

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last Wednesday called on Diaspora Jewry to be Israel's partner and not its benefactor.

Addressing Jewish Agency delegates at the Knesset, Rabin said: "We are not a poor country. If you want to be our partners, then be partners with us, but don't give to us as a charity."

Rabin also said he attributed the country's economic growth to the government's channeling of funds away from Jewish settlements.

Israelis Puff Away

JERUSALEM — Nearly one-third of Israelis smoke cigarettes daily, according to recent figures.

Of those Israelis who smoke, 30 per cent puff more than 20 cigarettes a day.

On a positive note, the health ministry noted a relative drop in smokers in the 18-24 age group.

WORLD

Vandal Sentenced...

AMSTERDAM — A man convicted of destroying a glass monument to the victims of Auschwitz here in January 1993 has been sentenced to 100 hours of public labor.

The judge said the man should complete the sentence in the field of art, a "positive" way to make up for the destruction of the monument.

...So is Chemist

STUTTGART — A German chemist was sentenced to 14 months in jail earlier this month for denying that Jews were gassed at Auschwitz.

A court here found Germar Scheerer, 30, guilty of inciting racial hatred by sending more than 1,000 politicians, scientists, journalists and business executives publications denying Jews were gassed to death at Auschwitz.

Otto Ernst Remer, 82, a former general and Hitler loyalist, paid Scheerer to test brick in the Auschwitz gas chambers for residues of zyklon-B gas.

Scheerer's 1991 report asserted that since he found none, gas could not have been used to kill Jews. Scheerer was fired from his job at the prestigious Max Planck Institute after publishing the report.

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Religious coalition comes to aid of refugees

Calls for more compassionate stand

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In a rare show of public unity, Jewish leaders joined a broad religious coalition last week to call on Ottawa and Canadians to adopt a more compassionate stand on refugees.

At Toronto's Church of the Holy Trinity, Jews joined Christians, Muslims, Sikhs, Buddhists and Hindus in signing *A Call to Conscience*, a statement rooted in large measure on *None is Too Many*, the historical account of Canada's dismal record of admitting Jewish refugees during World War II.

Canada's wartime policy was implemented "because politicians pandered to racist groups in the country, because the vast majority of the population did not ... seek to find out the truth of the refugee situation and because many church bodies did not make a vigorous effort to speak out," the statement says.

"We will not let this happen again. We believe it is now our moral duty to speak about the reality of Canada's treatment of refugees ... As people who have been shaped by the biblical tradition, we are called [on] to welcome the stranger as we would welcome God in our midst."

Signing the statement on behalf of the Jewish community, in the presence of Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall, were Canadian Jewish Congress past president Irving Abella and rabbis Gunther Plaut, Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Daniel Gotlieb and Mark Dratch.

Co-signatories were Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights.

The statement charges that refugees are scapegoated for Canada's economic ills and often portrayed as welfare cheats, criminals and parasites.

It also slammed Canada's policy of charging a $975 "head tax" per refugee, saying refugees often spend all their savings just to get to Canada.

Rabbi Plaut and Bishop Nicola de Angelis of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops read A Litany of Concerns — a list of specific cases in which refugee claimants met a tragic end.

In his remarks, *None is Too Many* co-author Abella called Canadians "a nation of immigrants who hate immigration." He decried the "raw and blatant mean spiritedness" taking root here and abroad, and cited polls in this country showing that an increasing number of Canadians want fewer immigrants, especially visible minorities.

"Intolerance is the world's fastest growth industry. The doors are clanging shut all around the world to refugees and immigrants," he said.

Abella conceded that the refugee system has been abused. He called for its repair and for Canada "to return to its humanitarian ideal."

Catholic refugee activist Sister Mary Jo Leddy also reminded those present that Canada had the worst record of protecting Jewish refugees in the Western world.

"We must never let that happen again. We are not suggesting open borders, but we must not project our fears onto refugees. If we allow the suffering of refugees, we will lose sight of each other as fellow citizens."

Rabbi Gunther Plaut and Sister Mary Jo Leddy flank Prof. Irving Abella at last week's multi-faith call for more compassion for refugees. [Ron Csillag photo]

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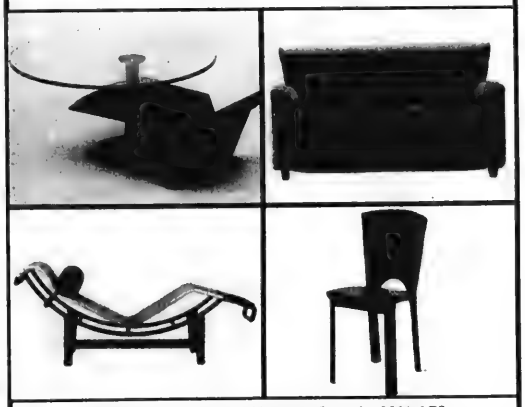
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For the Offman family, fundraising is a rich tradition. Allan's late father Leon, founder of the Art Shoppe, still an Offman operation, was a canvasser for United Jewish Appeal in the 1940's. Allan has also been heavily involved with UJA, and has now turned his attention, as well, to Baycrest, as chairman of the nine person Campaign leadership team. "The Campaign is a singularly worthy cause, " he said. "Baycrest touches every family in one way or another."

The community, he pointed out, is more transient; less deeply rooted to Toronto, so the Baycrest message must be marketed aggressively. However, once that's done, Offman is confident the community will come through and the objective will be met.

Although Offman is gratified by the enthusiastic response so far, experience has taught him the toughest task lies ahead, as the Campaign concentrates on collecting the balance of its goal. "Some of my friends said this is going to be a 'slam dunk,'" he recalled. "I was careful to tell them it was going to be a challenge."

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Wallenberg bust faces red tape

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The artist responsible for the towering, flame-topped Holocaust memorial in North York's Earl Bales Park is sharpening his chisels again.

But sculptor Ernie Raab must first chop through a mass of bureaucratic red tape before he realizes his dream of a public monument to World War II hero Raoul Wallenberg.

Raab, himself a Holocaust survivor, plans a bronze bust of Wallenberg, the Swedish diplomat credited with rescuing 100,000 Hungarian Jews from extermination at the hands of the Nazis.

Plans call for the memorial to be located about 100 metres from the Holocaust monument, on Raoul Wallenberg Boulevard inside Earl Bales Park.

Raab envisions a 50cm-by-50cm bronze bust atop a granite or concrete pedestal, with a plaque detailing Wallenberg's heroic exploits in Budapest in 1944-45.

A non-Jewish scion of a wealthy Swedish family, Wallenberg was dispatched to Budapest in 1944 to save as many Jews as possible from the Nazis and pro-Nazi Hungarian Arrow Cross. He issued thousands of false Swedish passports and took Jews to safe houses that flew the neutral Swedish flag.

He also persuaded the Nazis to call off the destruction of Budapest's Jewish ghetto. In all, Wallenberg rescued more Jews from the Holocaust than any one government.

But in 1945, he was arrested by invading Soviet troops as an American spy and taken to Moscow. It was then the mystery of Raoul Wallenberg began.

In 1947, the Soviets issued a statement that Wallenberg had died of a heart attack while in prison — a position they hold to this day. But for years after that, there were numerous reported sightings of the Swedish hero by former prisoners of the massive Soviet gulag.

A few years ago, the Soviets released some of Wallenberg's personal effects, following an international commission of inquiry. Theories have abounded that Wallenberg lived well beyond 1947 and may even be alive today, unrecognized and unheralded.

For Raab, Wallenberg holds special significance. After a series of escapes from both German and Russian labor camps, Raab lived as a gentile in Budapest in late 1944. He worked as a delivery boy for a bread factory, and saw Wallenberg one day while delivering bread to a Swedish safe house.

"There were about 16 or 18 people in one small room. Somebody said, 'That's Wallenberg.' I couldn't believe it. Even then, he was a hero," Raab told *The CJN*.

The bust will sum up the sculptor's lifelong desire to pay tribute to Wallenberg. Raab says the memorial will convey the Swede's "heroism, his humanity and his martyrdom."

Dan is honorary chair

The project's honorary chair is Toronto philanthropist Leslie Dan. Raab has the support of leading Jewish organizations and the Swedish government, and says most of the project's $25,000 to $30,000 cost is in place. The artist would like the bust unveiled this fall, but several bureaucratic hurdles must be cleared first.

According to Terry Nicholson, a cultural affairs officer with Metro Toronto's Parks and Culture Department, Raab's proposal was "not the way we prefer it."

Normally, he said, public arts proposals are tendered to artists.

If the project is approved, there will be a perception in the arts community that Raab "knows somebody" important and "that other artists did not get a chance."

Nicholson conceded there's "a certain logic" to Raab being the artist because of the proximity of the Holocaust monument.

But first, Metro's Public Art Policy Advisory Committee, composed of four Metro councillors and seven citizens, will convene a special meeting at the site to see the area firsthand, Nicholson said.

If the committee approves, the project then goes to the Environment and Public Space committee and if it approves, for a vote at Metro Council.

In the meantime, several long-term issues remain outstanding, Nicholson said, including ownership and maintenance of the bust.

It all adds up, he said, to a "deliberate and time-consuming process. Our objective is to do good art projects that will please the target audience and will be accepted by all."

He noted that a World War II memorial to be unveiled soon in Coronation Park took a year from initial proposal to completion.

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HARNICK SWORN IN

Charles Harnick was sworn in last week as Ontario's attorney general. Harnick is the only Jewish MPP in the new Conservative government of Premier Mike Harris. Looking on is Ontario's new secretary of the cabinet, Sylvia Burak.

Federation *get* bylaw puts onus on husbands

TORONTO — The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has become the first in North America to pass a precedent setting amendment on the get.

The pioneering bylaw change prevents an individual from holding an elected Federation position for refusing to "remove all barriers that are within his or her control and that would prevent the other spouse's religious remarriage."

If a husband denies his wife a get, she is known as an agunah and cannot remarry under Jewish religious law.

Federation president Sandra Brown said the amendment was reviewed by the city's rabbinical organizations before being submitted for Federation approval.

"That gives it a lot of weight," she said. "We have brought some Jewish public awareness to the issue that I think it deserves."

Joyce Eklove, the agunah rights chair for Jewish Women's Federation, said the new regulation gives the message: "If you want to behave in a way that is despicable to the Jewish community, you cannot serve." She added, "We want other organizations to follow the Jewish Federation's lead."

Eklove would also like to see synagogues introduce their own get policies. Machzikei Hadas, an Orthodox Ottawa congregation will not permit people who refuse their spouse a get to become members. According to Rabbi Reuven Bulka, the policy was approved five years ago without opposition and the synagogue has never been forced to implement it.

Under federal legislation, judges can withhold a civil divorce until religious obstacles are removed. However, Jewish Women's Federation president Glennie Lindenberg says family law practitioners are often not aware of the legislation.

There is also an Ontario law which denies a person relief in areas such as support payments and property rights, if he or she is an impediment to a spouse's remarriage.

UJA pledges set record

TORONTO — It took just 90 minutes, and the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) was $21 million ahead.

That amount was pledged over three years by 15 of Toronto's leading donors recently at the home of Barry and Honey Sherman.

"It was the most money ever raised by UJA through one meeting," reported Carol Kassel, co-chair of the 1996 UJA campaign.

The session was a test of UJA's new "three-year vision," in which contributors will be asked for a commitment covering that period. All of the participants, said Kassel, enthusiastically endorsed the plan.

Gerald Sheff, a former UJA campaign chair, said, "The time is now to be thinking long term for the community or we're going to be in trouble."

"The objective is to ensure funding stability," said Barry Sherman, who owns Apotex Inc., the Canadian pharmaceutical giant. He said contributors at the meeting, represented all ideological and religious viewpoints.

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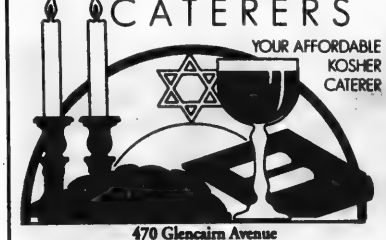

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Toronto goes 'Crazy for Jerusalem' at gala

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Jerusalem's 3000th birthday was celebrated at the Royal Alexandra Theatre recently.

More than 1,200 people attended the spirited gathering sponsored by Aish HaTorah Toronto — an educational outreach organization.

Music by the Zemer Orchestra and songs by Israeli Yoel Sharabi and other entertainers set the mood, as those present clapped and sang about Jerusalem and the joys of Israel's independence.

Throughout the evening, Israeli scenes and people were projected onto a large screen.

"I believe tonight's multi-media tribute to Jerusalem will touch your hearts and stimulate your minds," said entrepreneur Ed Mirvish, the honorary co-chair of the event with Leslie Dan.

Mirvish jested that thanks to Aish HaTorah, "I finally got to the stage of the Royal Alexandra." He said he had cancelled a performance of *Crazy for You* to present the 3000 anniversary celebration because "we are crazy for you, Jerusalem."

"For 3000 years, the Jewish people, even before we became a nation, have had a love affair, perhaps an obsession with Jerusalem," said master of ceremonies Malcolm Hoenlein, vice-president of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Organizations.

"When others who proclaimed an attachment to Jerusalem turned away — even destroyed it — we remained unyieldingly loyal. The Jews alone were the only ones faithful to Jerusalem," he said.

Citing a number of examples of Jewish commitment, he noted that when Jews pray they face Jerusalem and three times a day they pray for the restoration and rebuilding of Jerusalem and recite the prayer, "Next year in Jerusalem."

Community activist and Holocaust survivor Gerda Frieberg spoke of the 3000 years of "memories" that have kept our people together. She shared painful memories of Passover 1940, when her family was deported to a ghetto in Poland and her father was no longer with them. Her mother, she said, recited "Next year in Jerusalem" every year, even in the concentration camp, "in a time when we never planned for tomorrow."

Seen at a reception of Aish HaTorah's Jerusalem 3000 celebration are (from left) Ed Mirvish, his wife Anne and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. [Kevin J. Unger photo]

Keynote speaker, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, presented an historical overview of the city up to the present.

"We came back to the most sacred places in Jewish life, never to leave them again," he said. The two elements that characterize the Jewish people, "which are unique to us, are memories — of pain and tears and longings — dreams, aspirations and prayers of coming back to where we belong. It takes courage and determination in order to protect the most precious things in Jewish history."

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Baycrest, Senior Care merger applauded

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Formal approval of the merging of Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Senior Care was the highlight of Baycrest's annual meeting last week at the Wagman Centre.

There was almost unanimous approval of the proposal presented by outgoing chairman of the board Stephen Cole and president and CEO Stephen Herbert, who jointly chaired the meeting.

In a departure from the usual annual meeting format, the speeches and reports were presented on videotape, interspersed with music and vignettes of residents and their families.

Reports were given on Baycrest's relations with other institutions such as the University of Toronto and the Central North York Multi-Service Agency; on the plans for the 80-unit assisted housing project at Neptune and Bathurst, the Apotex Jewish Home for the Aged and the 100-bed Centre for Cognitive Disorder; and on the centre's rehabilitation and outreach services.

Treasurer Martin Storm reported that Baycrest had "maintained programs and services, even increasing them when possible," despite a decrease in government funding.

He warned that there is an increase in the cash flow and operating deficits, and future government funding, the main source of financial support, is uncertain.

"Community support is vital," he said, adding he is confident that "Baycrest is always able to depend on community assistance."

Cole and Herbert said it is hoped the $60-million campaign currently underway "will lead Baycrest to the 21st century, [when] care of the aged will be the most dominant social issue."

The slates for board of directors and board of governors was elected.

Norman Schipper, past chair of the Baycrest Foundation, paid tribute to outgoing board members Helen Marr, Stephen Gottesman and Robert Rubinoff, and welcomed incoming members Tobie Bekhor and Shira Herzog.

During the luncheon attended by more than 250, slides thrown onto a large screen showed some of the centre's programs, activities and services. Smiling residents proudly wearing Baycrest walkathon T-shirts were especially appealing.

Baycrest Day Care members (from left) Rachel Goldberg and Max and Faye Weinstock get ready to cut the cake at the celebration in honor of the day care program's 36th anniversary.

Day care program marks its 36th year

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — There was food, folks and freilichkeit in Baycrest Hospital's garden court when well-wishers gathered to celebrate the 36th anniversary of Baycrest Day Care services for Seniors.

Stephen Herbert, president and CEO of Baycrest Centre, announced that North York Mayor Mel Lastman had declared the day "Baycrest Day Care Services for Seniors Day" in honor of the anniversary.

Close to 180 seniors use the services, which include arts and crafts, discussion groups, exercise, hot meals and door-to-door transportation.

Esther Nixel joined the program in 1992. "I was shy and very much of a loner, but after the first few months I began speaking in public," she said. "Day care helped me out in my loneliness. I look at day care as my home away from home."

Volunteer Felicie Blatt told *The CJN* that program participants like Nixel like reminiscing about the past in her current events group. "In Yiddish they really come alive. They love the old expressions and they love to laugh."

In response Nixel quipped, "As I always say, 'A laugh a day keeps the doctor away.' "

Baycrest Day Care Centre for Seniors, Canada's first day care program for adults, was the brainchild of the late Walter Lyons, the director of social services, and Sam Ruth, president emeritus of the Baycrest Centre Foundation. They realized they could defer admission to the Jewish Home for the Aged with a day program that offered hot meals and companionship, Ruth said.

The program, initially funded by Baycrest's Women's Auxiliary, started with five members and a borrowed station wagon.

Day care director Joyce Lagunoff said that in the last 10 years the average age of members rose to 85 from 77. The oldest day care member is 102.

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A plea and a warning

Last week at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Toronto, there was a rare ecumenical gathering of representatives of many of the faiths practised by Canadians. The leaders assembled in the downtown Toronto church to warn the government and the general public against the feelings of intolerance and narrow-mindedness that they sense is encroaching into and taking hold of the Canadian mood. The gathering was as much a plea for generosity as it was a warning against xenophobia.

We support the efforts and the cause of that inter-faith gathering.

Last year *The CJN* offered a qualified, cautious approval of the new immigration policies unveiled by the government. At that time we wrote: "To be sure, the proposals contain some aspects which are reasonable and praiseworthy, such as the intention to root out the malign and criminal element within the system, or the decision to allow more true refugees into the country ... But they also contain aspects which raise concerns ... If the government's proposals are the beginning of a mean-spirited, less humanitarian immigration program, the country will ultimately be poorer ... The implementation of the new policies will warrant close watching."

Under close watching, the policies have been found to be lacking, thus calling into question the bona fides of the government's stated intention to facilitate the arrival of more true refugees. In particular, as the inter-faith group pointed out, the government deserves to be censured for having imposed a landing fee of $975 upon all immigrants, even upon refugees. A number of people, including the respected activist and advocate, Sister Mary Jo Leddy, have attested to the fact that some refugees are now going without food in an effort to save the money to hand over to the federal government.

Irving Abella, past president of Canadian Jewish Congress, spoke at the rally. He touched the heart of the issue. "There are people who still need our help, and we still can provide it." Despite the recession and need for governments to reduce their respective deficits, we can still provide help to the truly needy. Canadians must not be swept up in the intemperate, anti-immigrant winds blowing from other parts of the world. For in their wake they generally leave an unkind, pitiless public policy that diminishes the host landscape as well as the individuals they scapegoat.

The term "refuge" means a place that provides shelter from danger or distress. No country can be called great that demands an entrance fee from people who are — in the words of Emma Lazarus — often "hungry, tired, poor, a wretched refuse" seeking shelter from the storm of persecution.

Two tracks, two trains

Israel is negotiating on two tracks. And the trains appear to be moving. The chiefs of staff of Israel and Syria, Amnon Shahak and Hikmat Shehabi respectively, met in Washington last week to discuss security arrangements between the two countries. Israel and the Palestinians have been meeting on an ongoing basis to work out details of Israel Defence Forces redeployment and Palestinian elections in the West Bank.

As of this writing, the Israeli media is awash with tentative, cautious stories that there has been a measure of agreement between the negotiating parties on both tracks. But whenever — if ever — the parties reach full agreement between themselves, the trains will not yet have arrived at the peace stations. For the government of Israel, and indeed the Palestinian Authority, will have to "reach agreement" with the majority of their own people as well on any accords signed.

There may indeed be a light flickering in the distance. But the tunnel is very long.

Dry Bones

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We owe a debt to Herb Gray

In *The Scene from Ottawa* (June 15), Richard Cleroux wrote of Herb Gray and his many fine qualities as a parliamentarian and a Jew.

While note was made of his observance, I believe that Herb Gray's special quality which best expresses his Judaism is his absolute integrity. *Maclean's* magazine had an article on Herb Gray. It was entitled *Mister Integrity.*

As a former colleague in parliament, I cannot think of another MP more highly respected than Herb Gray. He is a credit to the political process, to his country, to his family and very much to the Jewish community and the Judaism which nurtured his values.

As Mr. Cleroux said, he doesn't make a big thing about being a Jew, but he does manifest it quietly and admirably. We as a community owe him much. As a Jew and a colleague, I am proud.

Barnett J. Danson
Toronto

Rejects Laborite view of Altalena incident

Sheldon Kirshner (in "The Altalena incident" June 25) perpetuates the Labor Zionist myth that were it not for Socialist Zionists, Israel would never have been created. The truth of the matter is that, then and now, the Laborites were more interested in socialism and universalism than Zionism and Judaism. In addition, regardless of the coalition in power, it is the Labor Zionist institutional control of everything from unions to sports teams that makes Israel a one-party bureaucratic state.

The destruction and murder aboard the Altalena were Ben-Gurion's and Rabin's way of insuring socialist hegemony via the vilification of the Irgun, which in turn facilitated Begin's imprisonment. Begin and the Irgun's crime was to reject Ben-Gurion's passivity regarding the Hagana's refusal to fight to ensure Jerusalem's inclusion in the nascent state. Thus, the Altalena's arms were necessary to recapture Jerusalem.

According to Moshe Arens (*Broken Covenant*, p.122) Rabin sees the world in terms of which side of the Altalena one was on. As a result, the Laborites raison d'etre is fighting internal 75-year-old grudges; thus they would rather collaborate with Communist and pro-PLO political parties in the Knesset than hold referendums, lest the State is weakened beyond repair. Sheldon Kirshner would better serve the powerless majority in Israel and help ensure Jewish and Israeli survival by not accepting at face value the revisionism of the Laborite elite.

Marc Baker
Windsor

Sheldon Kirshner replies: Reputable historians concur that the Labor Zionist movement played an inimitable role in the establishment of Israel.

Why a cross at this grave?

I visited three military cemeteries in Holland recently, with a listing of Jewish boys buried there.

At the cemetery Berge-Op-Zoom, I discovered a grave of Sapper F. S. Weller, Royal Canadian Engineers. Reg #D-130015. The regiment and number correspond with the Canadian Jewish Congress Book. I photographed the head stone (Killed Dec. 27, 1944).

There is one problem and that is he is buried under a cross. The others were buried under a Jewish star. The Congress book lists his mother as Mrs. M. Weller.

My interest in this matter (being a member of Gen. Wingate Branch of The Royal Canadian Legion) is to see that this is corrected.

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Finding fault with Rabin government

Precisely what is going on in the Jewish world today? We have in Israel a non-Judaic, non-Zionistic, government virtually begging the Arabs to take what they couldn't conquer in five wars and more than 50 years of terrorism, namely all of the land of Israel. By all of the land of Israel, they mean not just Judea and Samaria, but also Jaffa, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Acre etc. — in short, everything. Arafat and his people make no bones about it. They say it will be called the state of Palestine with Jerusalem as its capital. Do we hear any cries of outrage from many of our Jewish leaders and rabbis? Quite the contrary, the silence is deafening.

The Arab terror organization headed by Yasser Arafat rests on two pillars, the national covenant formulated in Cairo in 1964 and the phased plan for the destruction of Israel, formulated in Cairo in 1974. The national covenant unequivocally calls for the destruction of the Jewish state. Article 2 of the phased plan says an Arab state will be established in any part of the territory the enemy relinquishes. Article 8 of the phased plan says that from that state, a general Arab military assault on a shrunken and indefensible Israel will be launched. Yet the Rabin government continues with great haste to finalize the piece-by-piece process, because that is precisely what it is — not a peace process, but rather the piece-by-piece dismemberment of the state of Israel. It is a terrible situation. The government, in order to stay in power, allows itself to be dictated to by the extreme left wing of the Israeli Labor Party.

Herb Landis
Toronto

Correction

In the letter from Rabbi Silberstein which appeared in last week's issue, we inadvertently changed the text of the prophet Malachi regarding the immutability of G-d. The text should have read: "I G-d have NOT changed . . ." No offence was intended to Malachi or to G-d.

WISDOM OF THE AGES:
To be in on a secret is not really a blessing.

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Perspectives

The other fundamentalists

Excerpted from an article reprinted with permission from the New Republic, *June 12.*

PART II

By STEVEN EMERSON

Of all the Islamist militant groups active in America, Hamas has developed the most sophisticated infrastructure, complete with charitable, political, social and even military wings. The story of how a young man named Nasser Issa Jalal Hidmi was recruited and trained by Hamas shows how elaborate and sophisticated the Hamas military network in the United States has become. Hidmi's story was reconstructed by studying documents retrieved by Israeli investigators and confessions to Israeli courts by various Hamas operatives.

As a student in a Jerusalem preparatory college, Hidmi joined an Islamic religious group that served as a greenhouse for future military operatives. Motivated by a strong antipathy to Israeli occupation, Hidmi soon found his way to a cleric who went by the nom de guerre of Abu 'Ubada and supervised a unit of Hamas terror squads. In a short time, Hidmi showed promise and was selected to participate in armed training in the United States, a place he had always wanted, but could never afford, to visit.

In June 1990, a few months after arriving in the U.S. and settling in Manhattan, Kansas, Hidmi received a phone call from Mohammed Salah, a Chicago-based used-car salesman who served as commander of the military wing of Hamas in the United States. (Salah has since confessed to abetting terrorist acts and is serving a five-year sentence in an Israeli prison.)

Following Salah's instructions, Hidmi flew to Chicago for a weekend of military-style training at a campground on the outskirts of the city. In this "basic training" course, Hidmi and 25 other young Palestinians received religious instruction. According to Hidmi's later confession, they also were taught how to plant car bombs. A Libyan-American identifying himself as a former marine explained to the group, using charts and diagrams, where to place a bomb in a car's engine and how to ensure its detonation at the point of ignition. Following this instruction, the recruits returned home.

Later that year, Hidmi and the other Hamas inductees were told to attend an Islamist convention in Kansas City. Over the next three days, they listened as top Hamas officials spoke of their pride in the organization and in the international Islamist movement, and railed against the Zionist conspiracy. Musa Abu Marzuk, the international political chief of Hamas, who was then living in Louisiana, called upon all Muslims to destroy the "outpost of Western influence" that was created with the "purpose of being a spearhead in the heart of the Muslim world."

During the conference, Mohammed Salah — the Chicago-based Hamas commander — organized a series of smaller workshops for Hidmi and other recruits at a nearby Ramada Inn. At the front of the room, a burly man introduced himself as Ibrahim Mahmoud Muzayyin, director of an organization now called the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development (at the time called the Occupied Land Fund), which officially raises money for charity in the West Bank and Gaza.

According to the information retrieved by Israeli investigators, Muzayyin told the group: "You have been assembled here because you are all residents of the occupied territories. And you have been chosen to carry out operations to escalate the intifadah on behalf of the Hamas movement."

After a series of pep talks, the group broke into smaller clusters. The instructor explained that everyone would undergo instruction in handling improvised explosives and hand grenades and in building car bombs. They would also receive training in interrogation and execution of collaboration, surveillance and political organizing.

Six months later, the group met again in Kansas City. This time, Mohammed Salah introduced Najib al-Gosh, now the editor of Muslim Arab Youth Association's flagship magazine. Al-Gosh lectured on the interrogation methods used by Israeli intelligence, as well as on different kinds of hand grenades and bombs. According to Israeli information, Salah interjected, "The purpose of all this is so that everyone will go home and plant explosives in the area where he lives."

Upon his return to Israel, Hidmi was arrested. In early 1993, Salah, too, was arrested by Israeli authorities and indicted in the Ramallah Military Court. When news of his detainment was first reported in the U.S., along with Israeli complaints that Hamas had established a terror network here, the FBI initially dismissed the allegations.

"We were wrong," says former FBI official Revell. "We didn't know what was going on in our own backyard."

During Salah's interrogation, conducted in Arabic, he confessed — albeit by signing a Hebrew document — to making several surreptitious trips to Israel, where he directed Hamas operations and transferred $230,000 for the purchase of weapons out of a total of $790,000 he intended to bring later. He revealed that in Chicago he kept a map of where two kidnapped executed Israeli soldiers were buried by Hamas death squads. And he told of how, following the deportation of the Hamas leadership to Lebanon, he helped rebuild the group's command structure.

Other information obtained by Israeli authorities confirmed that, since 1987, Salah had recruited hundreds of Hamas operatives, arranged for their training in car bombs and other explosive devices (including chemical weapons) and even built 14 timers for explosives himself.

Hamas has been the most successful of the militant Islamic organizations both in sending its officials to work in U.S.-based organizations and in raising funds here. Today, law enforcement and intelligence officials say, the most senior-ranking Hamas official living in the U.S. is Sheik Jamal Said of the Bridgeview Mosque in Chicago. Although Said has denied any links to Hamas, Salah and other Hamas operatives have told Israeli intelligence they received instructions from him. U.S. officials also maintain that Said has worked closely with and on behalf of two other groups with ties to Hamas: the Islamic Association for Palestine (IAP) and the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. Both groups are headquartered in Richardson, Tex., less than a mile apart, in nondescript strip shopping malls. "There's no doubt," says Revell, "that these two groups are Hamas fronts."

What are these organizations? The Holy Land Foundation is Hamas' overt fund-raising arm in the United States. According to its English brochures, it openly solicits tax-deductible donations for such charitable causes as "needy Palestinian children, health clinics and schools." While some of its money is spent accordingly, most of its funds are routed though local *Zakat* (or mandatory Islamic charity tax) organizations run by Hamas in the West Bank and Gaza. These organizations not only serve to indoctrinate Muslim youths into radical Islamist ideology, but also provide covert cash conduits to Hamas military squads.

The IAP, while claiming that it conducts no fundraising for activities outside the United States, does operate an extensive propaganda network, according to a review of internal materials, videos and documents. Indeed, with offices and affiliates in more than a dozen cities, IAP is a veritable public relations machine. It publishes newspapers, produces terrorist training and recruitment videos (some showing terrorists who boast of their "kills" and interrogations of "collaborators" just before their executions), disseminates videos, organizes conferences and even sponsors a travelling Hamas musical troupe. (One of the troupe's songs includes the refrain: "We buy Paradise with the blood of the Jews.")

The IAP also publishes the largest Arabic-language newspaper in the United States, *al-Zaitonah*, as well as the English-language *Muslim World Monitor*. Both papers frequently celebrate successful Hamas terrorist attacks. An October 1994 headline in *al-Zaitonah*, for example, proclaimed, "In its greatest operation, Hamas takes credit for the bombing of an Israeli bus in the centre of Tel Aviv." Other articles warn of anti-Muslim conspiracies, such as an alleged joint plot by the Mossad and the FBI to bomb the World Trade Centre and throw the blame on Muslims. Despite such incendiary content, however, AT&T, MCI and other companies, as well as the U.S. Bureau of Prisons (which is in search of Muslim chaplains) have advertised in IAP publications.

On a narrow dead-end street in Tampa, Fla., a sign is affixed to the last house on the block. "Izz al-Din al-Qassam ... declared Jihad against the British and Zionist invasion of Palestine," it reads. "He was martyred on Nov. 19, 1935, in Ya'bad, Palestine. Al-Qassam has become a symbol of heroism, resistance, occupation and invasion of steadfast Palestine." Indeed, for militant Palestinians, al-Qassam may be the most exalted figure in recent history.

One of the more unusual visitors to Tampa over the past several years has been Sheik Abdul Aziz Odeh, the spiritual leader of the Palestine Islamic Jihad. Following his deportation from Gaza in 1988, Odeh quickly set up office and branches in Beirut, Amman and Damascus. Odeh later entered the U.S., slipping past INS officials unaware of his political identity. He later gravitated to two cities in particular: Brooklyn, where he had become a hero to El-Sayyid Nosair and other militants; and Tampa. In Brooklyn, Odeh became so actively involved with the World Trade Centre conspiracy defendants that he was named as the only unindicted co-conspirator in the Trade Centre bombing.

Within the American Muslim population of 5 to 6 million, radical groups and their adherents represent only an extremist fringe. Their militant interpretation of Islam does not reflect mainstream Islam, which eschews violence and thoroughly repudiates terrorism. But Muslim organizations are increasingly succumbing to the influence of militant Islam.

"Islamic fundamentalists now control many of the Muslim organizations in the United States," says journalist Ahmed Said Nasr. As a result, Nasr says, "there is more genuine intellectual freedom of expression for Muslims living in Cairo than in the United States."

The cruel irony for the vast majority of Muslim immigrants who came to the U.S. to escape Islamist turmoil in their homelands is that the proliferation of radical Islamist groups on American soil throws them back into the old vortex of polarized politics many had sought to escape. The danger is another matter. Militant Islam remains a fringe element in Western Muslim communities. But, as the World Trade Centre bombing shows, it does not take a big group to make a big catastrophe.

Dry Bones

Opinions

A controversial minority vote

By Shira Herzog

The recent non-confidence motion by Arab Knesset members over the Israeli government's decision to expropriate lands in the Jerusalem area drew attention to the curious situation of the Arab parliamentarians. For the current government, dependent on a slim parliamentary majority, the Arab members are part of the blocking vote that prevents the opposition from defeating it in Knesset votes. However, Arab Knesset members are not viewed as full-fledged, legitimate participants in political decision-making. Israeli prime ministers have not been prepared to rely on the Arab caucus for their majority, and they have never included an Arab party in the coalition.

The vote against the government in concert with right-wing Jewish parties was an unusual exercise of political clout by a minority that has historically been unwilling — and unable — to effectively exercise the power inherent in a group representing 16 per cent of the population in a democracy. Especially in Israel's electoral system of proportional representation, strategic use of this electoral power could yield significant gains.

Israel's Arab citizens today number close to 800,000 out of a total population of approximately 5.4 million. This group comprises those Arabs who remained within Israel's borders after the 1948 War of Independence and who were subsequently granted Israeli citizenship. The group's position in Israel has always been characterized by tension on several levels. First, there is the inherent tension in being a non-Jewish minority in a state that defines itself in ethnic-Jewish terms. Second, there is the pressure of being an Arab minority in a state that has been at war with its Arab neighbors. Finally, there are the socio-economic gaps that are typical of minority-majority relations in many multi-ethnic societies.

Although Israeli Arabs have always identified with the state in civic terms and have generally been loyal to its institutions, they have not enjoyed true equality in either principle or practice. In trying to illustrate what he has termed an "impossible situation," Israeli author David Grossman has described the country's Arab minority as "sleeping on a wire."

Over the last 30 years, approximately half of Israel's Arab voters have voted for Jewish political parties, and only half have voted for Arab lists. (For example, in the current Knesset, one Likud seat and one National Religious Party seat are held by those parties thanks to Arab voters, while the Labor party appointed its Arab MK Nawif Masalha as deputy-minister of health.) The surprising number of votes for Jewish parties stemmed from an expedient analysis of municipal benefits; a system of patronage within the parties; and a sense of the futility of voting for marginal Arab parties as a means of furthering the Arab community's interests.

Many years ago, the late Arab MK Aziz al-Zouabi used to say, "I am not accepted in Jewish society because I am an Arab, and I am not accepted in Arab society because I am Israeli." In the reality of 1995, things are more complex. A new, educated generation of leadership in the Arab community, that was born into the state and shares cultural characteristics — including language — with its Jewish co-citizens, is arguing, not for cultural assimilation, but for equality of opportunity. In areas such as education and municipal services, the government has acknowleged the gap in services to Arab communities and has moved — albeit slowly — to redress it. Israeli Arab leaders acted as intermediaries between Israeli authorities and Hamas while Nachshon Wachsman was held hostage and later as go-betweens between Hamas and the PLO.

In a shifting regional reality, Israeli Arab politicians may use their political power more effectively. In the past, the large parties could relegate the marginal number of Arab MKs to a position of irrelevance in important votes on security issues. In the 1996 election, a more disciplined Arab turnout in favor of Arab parties could result in more than the traditional five seats to Arab MKs. If this happens, it may be difficult to ignore these seats during coalition negotiations and Knesset votes.

More political clout for Arab parliamentarians is likely to generate controversy within Israel. A 1994 survey of mutual perceptions of Israeli Arabs and Jews, conducted by the Jerusalem-based Guttman Institute, found significant gaps between the Arabs' interest in furthering their civic status and Jewish support for such integration. For example, while over 90 per cent of Arabs surveyed said they would like to see an Arab mayor in a mixed municipality and an Arab holding a cabinet post in the national government, a majority of Jews surveyed disagreed with both statements. At the same time, Jewish citizens surveyed ranked Arab-Jewish relations as the most problematic of the country's inter-group relations.

There are no easy answers to these fundamental questions that hit at the core of Israel's definition of itself as a Jewish state and a democracy. As stereotypes are being questioned and new patterns of behavior are emerging, Israeli attitudes and norms are being challenged.

For Jews living in democracies outside of Israel, this issue resonates somewhat differently. Historically, Jewish communities have sought security through the equality and protection offered by democracy, and through effective use of their political clout in multicultural societies. Accepting these principles on behalf of Israel's Arab minority poses a host of difficult questions that we would do well to ponder.

Who is this mystery guest?

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

If you have a habit of going to theatres to see a film you will know this man. Even I, who rarely visit the cinema, have known the name and the face for quite some time. I will reveal his identity a little later on, but if you want to exercise your ingenuity or your ability to unravel this mini-mystery, don't cheat, and wait until you get to the finish line by yourself. (Before I go any further, let me say that the vital information I am about to impart to you comes from the *National Post and Opinion*, published by my old friend Gabriel Cohen in Indianapolis.)

When he was a child, he was known as Isser Danielovitch. He came from a traditional family, was sent to cheder and was informed by his parents that his next step would be to go to a yeshivah. But Isser balked, and apparently his parents decided not to force him to enter more intensive religious studies against his will.

However, the result was that the boy wanted to make sure to separate himself from any possibility of yeshivah-like learning and from his parents' lifestyle and roots. Judaism became something that belonged to his past, but neither to his present nor his future.

He was able to follow his major dream: to become an actor, and in time he succeeded beyond his wildest dreams. With a changed name that hid his Jewish identity, he became one of Hollywood's great stars and a household word amongst film aficionados. He married and had children, and when they grew up, one of his sons, Michael, reversed the road his father had trodden and returned to a meaningful Jewish life. More than that, he persuaded his father, who was now in his 70s, to do the same.

The father began by reading the Bible and worked his way through Genesis. I presume he did it with a commentary, though I am only guessing. Now that he is nearing his 80th birthday and studying Exodus, he sees some parallels between Moses and himself. Moses too, for the first four score years of his life, had no part in his own people's strivings and hopes.

Furthermore, our film hero wants to imitate Moses by climbing Mount Sinai and feels that he is in good enough physical shape to make the attempt. (He did not say which of the reputed sites of the holy mountain he would choose.)

When interviewed recently, he said, "I drifted away from my Judaism. Lots of people seem to dismiss religion based on what they learn when they are 13. I was one of those stupid people." Then he went on to tell how his son Michael brought him face to face with his past: "He asked me one day about where my parents came from. Can a man know who he truly is if he doesn't know who his ancestors are? I began reading about Abraham and Moses, and the more I read, the happier I felt. The more I studied Judaism and Jewish history, the more it fascinated me. I began to learn Hebrew. I knew lots of prayers but not what I was saying. I have come home now but still have a long way to go."

For a long time our "mystery guest" has been known as Kirk Douglas, who made these remarks at a dinner where money was raised for the Jewish National Fund in Britain. The newspaper's headline asks, "If Kirk Douglas can, what about you?"

Can you repeat the question?

By Julien Bauer

June 24, St. John the Baptist; July 1, Canada Day. This is the right season to wonder what Quebec actually wants and how Montreal Jews should react to the forthcoming referendum.

In the immortal words of humorist Yvon Deschamps, contrary to what you may read in your daily paper, the quasi-totality of Quebecers agree on a very simple and clear remedy: A free Quebec within a strong and united Canada! This ambivalence is what makes our country such an amazing place. You may be everything and the opposite and feel happy about it.

As the current Parti Québécois (PQ) government and the Bloc Québécois (BQ) state so logically, "Damn you, Anglos, and pass my Canadian passport. I want to spend my Canadian dollars abroad."

Debating our political structures has become a ritual. Every so often, it comes back. Referendum gives us the idea we have no right to live in Canada without asking ourselves the same question, again and again.

The first time an independentist government was elected in Quebec in November 1976, many Jews panicked. A quarter of the Jewish population left. We exported young professionals and kept most of the elderly who often live at or below the poverty line.

Will history repeat itself? Without being either Pollyannaish or paranoid, the answer is probably NO. Forbearing tremendous changes, the referendum will be lost by the PQ-BQ. The only way to win it is by asking a meaningless question.

In the upcoming referendum, what should be the role of the Jewish community? As part and parcel of Quebec and Canada, we have the right, even the duty, to ask for equal opportunity for our people. The fact is that in many jobs related to the public service, provincial Crown corporations and the like, the number of Jews is dismal. As part and parcel of Quebec and Canada, we have the right to vote the way we want.

The question should be: "What is the most effective way of preventing a YES victory, a frontal attack or a multi-faceted presentation of our view?" Three groups, Canadian Jewish Congress, Canadian Italian Congress and the Greek community have already taken a common stand totally opposed to separation.

By doing so, they are stating the obvious. They are also playing into their opponents' hands. Nearly all Greeks, Italians and Jews will vote NO. Any appeal by their leaders to do so is therefore useless. The marginal few voting NO won't be moved by any argument from the leaders. The vast majority of French-Canadians will vote without taking into consideration minority groups' declarations.

There is, nevertheless, a small group of undecided voters who could switch to the YES side if the PQ-BQ play their cards well: "Look at all those people [with an emphasis on their being non-French-Canadian] who are telling us what to do, what is good for us. Give them a lesson and vote YES." To help the PQ-BQ win more votes does not exactly seem a bright idea.

Does that mean we should stay on the sidelines? Certainly not. What we have to do is to monitor and, if need be, correct the situation by making sure every eligible voter is registered; to work on referendum day to have the vote get out; to participate in the campaign at the grassroots level; to make clear it is possible to love both Canada and Quebec. Such a policy is less glamorous but more effective. It is not by chance that our sages have stated: "What is important is not what you say but what you do."

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The Kirshner File

Songs of a Yiddish bard sung by a German

By Sheldon Kirshner

Wearing black loafers, charcoal trousers, a purple jacket and an open-necked shirt of phantasmagoric colors, Manfred Lemm strummed a guitar as he belted out a medley of sonorous Yiddish songs in a strong Litvak accent.

The poignant melodies, suffused with the spirit of the shtetl, encompassed themes ranging from the plight of unemployed workers to the comic spat between a young bickering couple.

Beyond the bitter-sweet cadences of the music, the evening was steeped in historic irony. Fifty years after the end of World War II, Lemm — a German — was singing the beloved ballads of Mordechai Gebirtig, a Kracow carpenter-cum-composer who was murdered by the Germans during the Holocaust.

And the concert — co-sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and the Committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto — took place in an unlikely locale, the Goethe Institute, which promotes German language and culture.

Lemm himself, an affable musician with a disarming manner, was acutely aware of the ironic overtones. After his official program, he began singing *Jerusalem of Gold*, an Israeli song-cum-anthem which surfaced in 1967, the year of the Six Day War. As he finished, Lemm paused: "Mr. Scheffler," he said mischieviously in somewhat fractured English, "doesn't believe that in a German institute we sing a Hebrew song."

Lemm's offhanded remark was directed at the Goethe Institute's director, Wilfried Scheffler, who sat in the back row. Scheffler, a smile wreathing his face, acknowledged Lemm with a thumbs-up sign.

The following morning, in an airy downtown restaurant where he partook of a light breakfast of coffee and orange juice, Lemm spoke about his passion for Gebirtig, whom he has tirelessly promoted in concerts and recordings and in a book.

He was asked the usual question. Why, as a Christian and especially as a German, does he devote his artistic career to Gebirtig?

After a conversation with him lasting almost two hours, a listener realizes there is no single compelling reason for his attachment to Gebirtig. Lemm appreciates the beauty, simplicity and raw truth of the lyrics. He identifies with Gebirtig's shtetl culture. And because he empathizes with the underdog, he uses the songs to build bridges, almost irreparably shattered by the Nazis, between Jews and Germans.

The son of a seventh-generation eastern German gardener of French Huguenot origin, Lemm was born in 1946 in Potsdam, into a musically-inclined family. His father, a Social Democrat, was an ambulance driver during World War II. His father's cousin was an ardent Nazi. In 1957, the Lemm family resettled in what was then West Berlin.

Lemm was drawn to Jewish folk music after his rock n'roll band was chosen to participate in a cultural exchange program between Berlin and Tel Aviv. Due to the Six Day War, the tour was cancelled. By then, Lemm had learned phonetic Hebrew and developed an interest in Jews and their fate during the Holocaust.

One thing led to another. He incorporated Hebrew songs into his band's repertoire. He studied voice and composition in Munich. He met Jews who introduced him to Yiddish — which is largely based on medieval German — and to Gebirtig.

A bard and a poet, Gebirtig (1877-1942) was unschooled in the academic formalities of music. In fact, he could not even read music. Transcribed by admirers, his songs — running the gamut from *Kinder Yorn* and *Shlof Shoyn Mein Yankele* to *Undzer Shtetl Brent* and *Raizele* — found an appreciative audience in Poland, North America, Argentina and elsewhere.

In June 1942, Gebirtig, his wife and two daughters were murdered by the Nazis. But Gebirtig's voice was not stilled. He left behind upwards of 90 lilting songs, a rich legacy which Lemm has mined indefatigably.

Shtetl culture conveyed

Lemm has been assisted by a Jewish executive from New York City, Manfred Lehmann. On a business trip to Kenya some years ago, Lehmann turned on his shortwave radio and caught a program of Yiddish songs. To his surprise, he learned that he was listening to Deutsche Welle — German national radio — and a German crooner named Manfred Lemm.

Lehmann wrote a letter to Lemm, and an invaluable friendship took root. As Lehmann put it in a recent essay in the *Algemeiner Journal*: "We exchanged letters. I helped him with the pronunciation of certain Yiddish or Hebrew words and their meanings."

When they met in Hamburg shortly afterward, Lemm asked Lehmann where he could find still more of Gebirtig's songs. Lehmann contacted a friend in London, a cantor, who had a thick dossier of songs, some of which had not been set to music.

Since then, from his base in the town of Wuppertal, Lemm has done wonders to popularize Gebirtig. He has produced four LPs and four cassettes and CDs and he has performed at festivals and in schools in Germany, Israel, Holland, Belgium, Britain, Austria, Switzerland and Poland. In addition, Lemm has published *Mordechai Gebirtig: Jiddische Liede*, a handsome volume of his life and work.

Manfred Lemm

Lemm claims he is not the only German singer who specializes in the Yiddish genre. Indeed, he pays generous tribute to German folk singers, notably the late Peter Rohland, who preceded him.

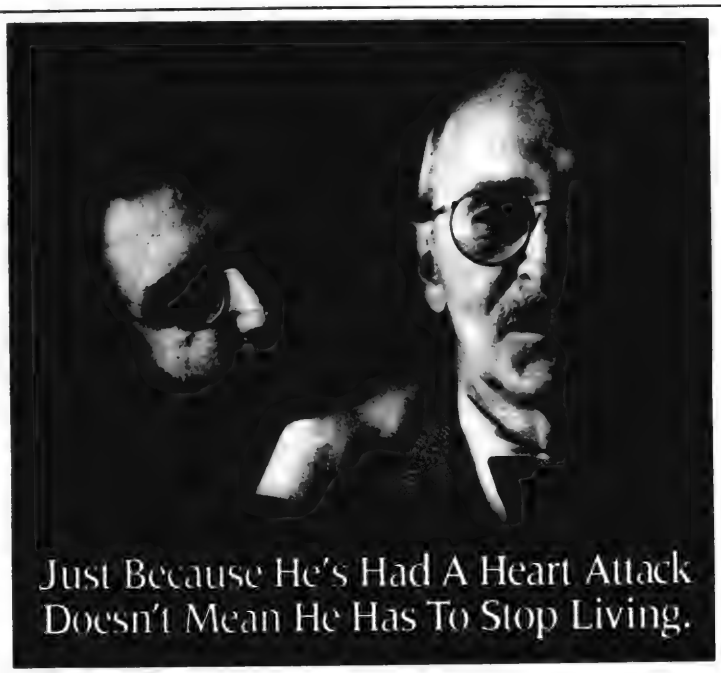
To this day, fans automatically assume he is Jewish. "I waste a lot of time explaining why, as a non-Jew, I sing Yiddish songs," said Lemm, who has occasionally plied his craft on cruise ships.

Lemm has always been warmly received by Jews in Israel and the Diaspora. "I'm especially gratified when people say, 'You brought our childhood back. We haven't heard these songs in 50 years."

In Germany, Lemm regularly gives school concerts, and through Gebirtig, launches into useful discussions about the Holocaust.

He has encountered little unpleasantness in the course of his tours. But once, in a cafe in Bochum, Germany, a Palestinian threatened him before leaving the premises.

In the future, Lemm hopes to organize a Yiddish folk festival in North America, where he is all but unknown and unsung. In the meantime, Lemm delights the rest of the world with his beautifully rendered renditions of Mordechai Gebirtig's musical gems.



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By
RABBI IRVIN BRANDWEIN

Soon Jews will be greeting one another with the traditional New Year's wish of "Inscription in the Book of Life." Conversely, "Erasure or blotting out from the Book" constitutes the most obscene curse known to Jews anywhere. Indeed, since we were dubbed "People of the Book" (Arabic: *Ahlu Al Kitab*), that label has persisted.

This name imposes upon us a religious obligation to acquire Hebrew and to thereby confront God directly and without any intermediary, in every single word of the Torah. There we can also find our spiritual ancestors, along with everything which surrounded them. Moses and the prophets offer themselves daily as food to the living. Just partake and you will be sustained eternally.

The Hebrew for "book" (*sefer*) passed into Arabic as *sifr*, meaning "zero" and became the foundation for the great mathematical innovation of the Middle Ages, the decimal system. This liberated the West from the burdensome system of Roman numerals. Because the book is circular (a scroll), it has neither beginning nor end.

Sifr eventually came into English as "cipher" meaning "count" or "number." Oddly, the Hebrew verbs to "write" and to "count" are identical (*sofer*). The Talmud in Sanhedrin informs us that the Scribes (*soferim*) were those who counted every single letter in the Torah. Each letter has a numerical value and hence the Torah speaks mathematically as well as linguistically. An ancient work of Kabbalah (*Sefirot*), the *Sefer Yetzira*, begins with the enigmatic statement that the universe was created with three *sefer*(s): *siffar*, *sippur* and *sefer*.

For Jews, the Book is the universe and the universe is the Book. It must be interpreted and perpetually surrendered to each generation of Jews, along with the cultural keys necessary to decode and process its meaning. In Hebrew, this is called *messorah*: tradition (i.e. surrendering, registering and/or delivering a scroll with vowels or keys).

Since the entire universe is the "writing of God," it must be accessible and meaningful via reading and interpretation. Pagan gods were gods of action. They denigrated writing and despised the scribe. The Hebrew God writes and the Talmud refers to the Alphabet with which the universe was created (Berachot 55A).

Theodore Lessing remarked that if God were to declare that in His right hand He held the truth and in His left he had the investigation of the truth, Lessing would ask for the investigation of the truth. A truth that can be "dis-covered" or "un-veiled" excludes human participation. It cannot be a Hebrew truth. It is *aletheia* (Greek truth).

For Jews, truth or meaning is not part of the text. It must be generated by the reader sincerely confronting the Book. Perhaps herein lies our most profound difference with Christianity. By teaching that God's word (*Logos*) had become flesh, John was exchanging the writable *logos* of the Hebrews for the reveaing *logos* of the Greeks. Flesh is unwritable. In philosophical parlance, it is *Apophansis*. It can be contemplated, but unlike the Torah, it cannot be read or interpreted.

Everything in the cosmic book must have meaning and like any truly "great" writer, God must be everywhere present and also, simultaneously totally hidden! The unknowability of God is the precise distance which must separate every literary figure from his or her author (authority). God's warning to Moses: "You cannot see my face and live," expresses this absolute and mysterious distance.

As the summer progresses and the New Year approaches, let us join in the prayer of King David: "In thy book, Oh Lord, may all my members be written." (Psalms 139:16)

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Learning a key dimension of Jewish faith, says rabbi

By **LEILA SPEISMAN**
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The renaissance of the Jewish people depends on their learning "the deeper dimensions of our faith," said Rabbi Yitzhak Ginsburgh, a noted kabbalist, lecturer, teacher and rosh yeshivah.

Jews should "take pride in our own position. Then we would recognize the importance of our connection to our homeland and be able to give over that connection to the next generation."

This renaissance, he said, depends on "the spreading of the inner dimensions of Torah in the proper idiom for our times — one that touches the hearts and minds of our generation."

The American-born rabbi lives the philosophy he espouses in his own work in Israel. He is the rosh yeshivah of Od Yoseph Chai, at the tomb of Joseph in the ancient city of Shechem (better known as Nablus) in the Shomron.

Government policy does not allow Jews to sleep there overnight, he said. Students commute from nearby settlements, running the gauntlet of hostile Arab inhabitants.

Some of his students have also founded a kollel (a yeshivah for young married men) in Ma'arat Hamachpelah, the Cave of the Patriarchs in Hebron, and one in the Old Synagogue in Jericho.

"It is frightening," he told *The CJN*, "that people don't recognize that this is the heart of our homeland."

Rabbi Yitzhak Ginsburgh

Rabbi Ginsburgh was in Toronto for a series of mystical lectures held at the Anshei Minsk Congregation in Kensington Market. Besides spreading his teachings about kabbalah and Torah, he was raising funds for his yeshivot and his publishing house Gal Einai.

Every letter of the Hebrew alphabet, he told a spellbound audience of over 100, is of significance on many different levels. Each must be seen in the context of the world, of the divine soul of the Jewish people and of G-d.

Each letter, he said, is a channel for a part of creation. The letter zayin, which he used as an example of how one meditates on the letters, was the letter through which G-d created the month of Sivan.

Sivan is the month of the giving of the Torah, he explained, and zayin symbolizes the ascent of the Jewish people to accept the gift of the Torah from G-d.

The two letters surrounding zayin, vov and chet, together with zayin, represent the marriage of G-d and the Jewish people at Sinai. Vov, he said, represents G-d's coming down to meet the Jewish people. Chet is the chupah under which vov and zayin marry, the physical form of the chet being a combination of the zayin and vov under a bar.

Rabbi Ginsburgh traced the Zohar, the main book of the kabbalah, from the Baal Shem Tov, back to Rabbi Shimon Bar Yohai, to the prophets Elisha and Elijah, all of whom were taught by Achiya the Shilonite, who prophesied the splitting of the kingdom of Israel.

"Achiya must come back to prophesy the reuniting of the Jewish people, which is the precurser of the coming of the messiah."

Other lectures were about dreams and prophecy, the levels of love according to the Kabbalah and prayer and healing.

For more information on Rabbi Ginsburgh or Gal Einai, call Renee Wortzman at 416-588-8512.

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Jewish Life

Students embark on new paths

(Excerpts from the valedictory address at the commencement ceremonies of the 1995 graduating class of Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto.)

By DAVID PREISS

Legend has it that when the chassidic Rabbi Zusya of Hanipoli lay on his deathbed, his pupils gathered round him and said, "Rabbi, Rabbi! After such a long life of piety and good works, a life surely equal to that of Moshe Rabeinu himself, surely you can now glimpse into the next world even as you lie here. Tell us, Rabbi, tell us: What questions will the angels ask you?"

After a long moment of silence the rabbi answered.

"My dear students," he said, "They will not ask me, 'Zusya, why were you not Moses?' Instead they will ask me, 'Zusya, why were you not Zusya?' "

The last line is at once cryptic and yet startlingly obvious in its meaning and implication. The story seems to suggest that the ultimate (if not the only) demand God places on us as Jews and human beings on Earth is that we merely be ourselves, that we be who we are and who we were meant to be. This, apparently, is the most important thing we can do in our lives, beyond even practising the virtues of piety and charity.

GUEST VOICES

Tonight as we look back over the past four years, we must remember that the education we have received, the education which our parents and teachers have worked so hard to give us, has been an education not simply for making a living, but rather for making a life. The two things may appear superficially similar, but they are not the same. One may make a very successful living and yet not feel theirs amounts to a life. A living comes from hard work, perseverance and a little luck; there is not one of us here who is not by now familiar with these things.

But a life is much more than the sum total of mere financial, social or political success; it is not what we do, but how we choose to do it. A life comes from, among many other things, the knowledge that one has lived well; from the knowledge that one has lived with sincerity, integrity and virtue; that throughout it all, one has remained as true to oneself as possible.

Without this crucial knowledge none of the other things we do in life can ever truly be enjoyed. We may achieve fame and success in the fields we enter, but if we do not feel it is really us doing these things, if we feel we have in the process sacrificed too much of ourselves and of who we are, then none of these things would have seemed worth it.

The path to true wisdom, Socrates once said, is to "know thyself;" but I believe it is more than just this. The sages teach us that we must also remain faithful to ourselves. Throughout these four years, we have learned the path to happiness consists not only in finding out who we are, but equally in remaining as true as we can to ourselves in our thoughts, in our words, in our actions.

As the example of Rabbi Zusya suggests, it is very difficult, if not impossible, for a person — even a pious rabbi — to remain constantly true to himself and to his ideals. Why? It sounds like the easiest and most self-evident thing to do — to be yourself in everything you do. How can one not be who one is?

But when you think about it, it is actually one of the most difficult challenges. Every day we are constantly bombarded by a myriad of conflicting forces tugging and pushing at us this way and that, compelling us to think or talk or act in a different way than we would like. The world is a battleground in which we struggle contantly against society's demands — the demands of parents, friends, family, teachers, employers, strangers — and in this battle we find ourselves without orders or instructions, unsure of how to fight. When is it right to give in and compromise? When is it right to refuse, to stand up for what we believe?

Our education has been exactly for this purpose; through our studies of Jewish History, literature and philosopghy at CHAT, we have, over the last four years, really been learning about ourselves, about who we are and where we come from, about those parts of us that we cannot, for our own sake and for the sake of our faith and people, let go. Tonight, we must each take stock of those things inside of us that are a part of who we are, and on which we will not and cannot compromise. As we go out into the world, we must each strive to strike a balance between the world and ourselves, a balance between change and constancy.

Hopefully our stay at CHAT has given us the tools with which to make this decision — the tools not just to succeed, but to be a success; not just to live well, but to live a good and happy life. If so, then these past four years will have been worth something money simply cannot buy.

Books

By Bernard Baskin

Readers Companion To The Twentieth Century Novel, edited by Peter Parker (Oxford University Press, $49.95).

Who are the prime Jewish novelists — writing in English — of the 20th century? This question is prompted by an exploration of this massive tome which reviews and evaluates some 750 novels by 400 writers. Chronologically arranged from Joseph Conrad's *Lord Jim* (1900), to *The Stone Diaries* by Carol Shields (1993), it is an invaluable and informative guide to modern fiction.

The Jewish novelists — and birth is the criterion rather than subject matter or sense of identity — include the following: Saul Bellow, Hortense Calisher, E. L. Doctorow, Elaine Feinstein, Nordine Gordimer, Joseph Heller, Dan Jacobson, Howard Jacobson, Erica Jung, Arthur Koestler, Jerzy Kosinski, Norman Mailer, Bernard Malamud, Chaim Potok, Mordecai Richler, Henry Roth, Philip Roth, Bernice Rubens, J. D. Salinger, I. B. Singer, Gertrude Stein, and Nathanael West.

Of course, there are other talented and well-known Jewish authors who might have been included. But it seems to me that no major figure has been omitted.

Which of all the books are the most Jewish in tone, feeling and subject matter? I would like to suggest these 10: *Call It Sleep* by Henry Roth, *The Slave* by I. B. Singer, *Portnoy's Complaint* by Philip Roth, *My Name is Asher Lev* by Chaim Potok, *The Assistant* by Bernard Malamud, *The Painted Bird* by Jerzy Kosinski, *Herzog* by Saul Bellow, *Spring Sonata* by Bernice Rubens, and *The Rape of Tamar* by Don Jacobson.

Arguably, the five novels by Jewish writers which have made the greatest impact and had the widest influence on modern readers are the following:

1. *Catch 22* by Joseph Heller (1961). This book's attack on military idiocy, callousness and corruption, its black humor and moral imperative, made it widely popular as a pacifist protest against war. Published during the bloodletting in Vietnam, it articulated a widespread feeling of resistance to cruelty, injustice and political incompetence.

2. *Herzog* by Saul Bellow (1964). The anti-hero of this celebrated work is an intellectual professor who is caught up in a variety of dilemmas — both real and imaginary. He searches his memory for solutions out of his past, even as he writes numerous imaginary letters to a galaxy of personalities. Only when he is able to free himself from his fantasy world can he move from an emotionally charged and irrational life to a more reasoned and moderate one.

3. *The Naked and the Dead* by Norman Mailer (1948). The author's first novel is about a platoon of solidiers who form part of an invasion force in the Philippines during the closing stages of World War II. It is an unforgettable account of the conflict between man and his environment and the angst that inevitably results from his sense of mortality.

4. *Portnoy's Complaint* by Philip Roth (1969). The saga of sexually obsessed Alex Portnoy is told against the background of complex and painful family relationships. Widely praised and roundly denounced it occasioned wild laughter as well as indignation.

5. *The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger (1951). This is the famous cult novel that aroused so much controversy. Numerous school boards regarded it as improper reading for young people. It is an archetypal tale of adolescent trauma and dissatisfaction as told by a precocious 16-year-old with a yearning for lost innocence.

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Na'amat helps with shelter for abused women

MONTREAL — Na'amat Canada is attempting to raise $250,000 for a shelter and consultation centre for battered women, in a joint project with the city of Tel Aviv.

Na'amat is going 50-50 with the municipality's foundation on the construction of the centre — now underway — in the Maoz Aviv district.

The upscale location was chosen as a deliberate statement by the women's volunteer organization that the phenomenon of domestic violence should be out in the open, said Sharon Shenhav, director of Na'amat's overseas department in an interview during her recent cross-Canada tour.

Attitudes about domestic violence are changing only slowly in Israel and the issue is still surrounded by shame, she said. Shelters are normally located in poorer or out-of-the way parts of towns, and their existence kept confidential, she added.

The project, due to be completed in the fall, goes beyond providing refuge to battered women; it will also serve as a resource for professionals on domestic violence, studying the issue from various perspectives — legal, social and psychological. It will provide therapy to both the victims and the abusers, and a hot-line and support groups for women who do not want to leave home.

The 18-bed shelter and counselling centre are physically connected, but have separate entrances.

Although Na'amat is recognized for its expertise on the issue and its remedies, and indeed successfully lobbied for legislation in 1989 providing greater legal protection to abuse victims, the organization has traditionally taken the position that shelters are not the answer to domestic violence. "Our philosophy is that shelters are not the solution; they are only emergency stop-gaps," Shenhav said.

Na'amat believes that the most important thing to do about wife-battering is to regard it as a crime, with the abuser being removed from the home, rather than the victim. "This will send the message to society that this is not acceptable behavior," said Shenhav, a lawyer. Under the current law, a judge can order a man to leave his home for one week on the testimony of an abused woman.

The attitude of Israelis to wife-battering has evolved considerably since 1977 when members of the Knessets burst into laughter when the first proposal for domestic violence legislation was made, Shenhav said.

Shalom bayit — keeping peace in the home — continues to be seen as mainly the wife's duty, she said, and rabbis and others still tend to react to domestic violence by advising the woman to patch things up, insinuating that perhaps she is the one at fault.

Israelis started to take the matter more seriously when a woman was murdered by her husband in 1978. "His response was ' I don't understand why she died, she didn't when I beat her the other times,' " Shenhav said. The first shelter was opened that year with private money.

One of the biggest obstacles Na'amat continues to try to overcome is to convince women to press criminal charges against violent spouses because they feel ashamed, and Shenhav believes this harks back to the tradition that it is the woman's responsibility to keep peace in the home.

Clarification

In the photograph of the Kamin family which was published on page 15 in last week's issue, the identity of the woman standing next to Mrs. Buschie Kamin was omitted. That person was Ruth Chelin, Mrs. Kamin's daughter.

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SATURDAY, JULY 8

11:30 a.m.
Family: Yidrhythmics

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1 p.m.
"Coca-Cola" Music Workshop: Yiddish Vocals with Adrienne Cooper
Public Forum: You Call This a Yiddish Revival?
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1:30 p.m.
Music: Harmonia

2 p.m.
Theatre: *Tamar Rogoff's Ivye Project*
Music: Davka
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2:30 p.m.
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3 p.m.
Music: Hartzedike-Lider
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Workshop: Movement with Liz Lerman

3:30 p.m.
"Coca-Cola" Music Workshop: Rhythm & Groove

4 p.m.
Music: Budowitz
Music: In the Mother Tongue

4:30 p.m.
Family: Storytelling Circle with Jay Miller

5 p.m.
"Coca-Cola" Music Workshop: East European Connection
Music: Joe Maneri Trio

6 p.m.
Film: The Man Without a World

7:30 p.m.
Theatre: Sara Felder's *June Bride* $15

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Music: Adrienne Cooper

8:45 p.m.
Music: Brave Old World

9 p.m.
Theatre: *100 Years of Yiddish Theatre in Montreal*

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Dance: Liz Lerman Dance Exchange's *In This Moment* $15
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9:45 p.m.
Music: Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band +4

10:30 p.m.
Music: Simon Shaheen/ Frank London Project
Variety: Late Night Cabaret of Dreams

SUNDAY, JULY 9

11:15 a.m.
Family: Yidrhythmics

11:30 a.m.
"Coca-Cola" Music Workshop: Circle Participatory Song
Film: The Man Without a World

Noon
Family: Music with Finjan and guests

12:30 p.m.
Poetry Reading
Family: Storytelling

1 p.m.
Theatre: Winnipeg Jewish Theatre's *The Always Prayer Shawl* $10/$5
Music: Lipovsky/Miotek/Warschauer Trio
Music: Simon Shaheen

1:30 p.m.
"Coca-Cola" Music Workshop: Yiddish Instrumental
Music: Night Songs from a Neighboring Village

2 p.m.
Music: Ashkenaz Fidl Kapelye
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3 p.m.
Family: Ashkenaz Parade
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Music: In the Mother Tongue

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From coast to coast

Shalom Village celebrates bar mitzvah year

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Close to 300 guests crowded into Shalom Village recently to celebrate its bar mitzvah year.

Since it opened in 1987, the 39-apartment seniors' residence has served as the model for other such institutions in the region.

"Shalom Village belongs to all of us and we're proud of it," said president Leslie Lasky in his welcoming remarks.

In 1970, a nursing home for Hamilton's Jewish seniors, as it was then envisaged, was still a dream for administrator Sheila Burman, then director of Jewish Social Services, and the late Ludwig Benario, an active volunteer.

But new concepts for the care of seniors were beginning to evolve, and plans for what became known as the Hamilton Jewish Home for the Aged underwent several changes before it opened as a residence with full support services.

Today, Lasky said, Shalom Village is not only "the finest in the region," but also "has the longest waiting list of any similar facility in the region."

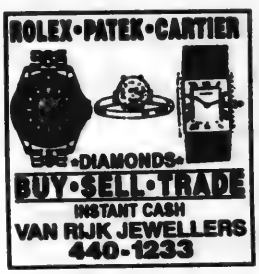
Five years ago, an adjacent nursing home was opened. Benario's daughter, Ruth Goldberg, currently serves as its president.

Candles on a giant birthday cake were lit by representatives of the "visionaries" — past presidents, builders, major contributors and campaign leaders, families of residents, the rabbinate, staff, volunteers, residents, past and present board members, Lasky and Goldberg and special honoree, Sheila Burman, who received a standing ovation.

Master of ceremonies Paul Hanover kept up a brisk pace, refreshments were served and throughout, there was the catchy, toe-tapping music of a Klezmer trio led by Toronto composer and pianist, Rick Kardonne, who recently wrote the sound track for *My Uncle Boris And His Russian Relatives*, a TV movie produced by Cayle Chernin, to be shown on PBS next winter.

Playing with Kardonne were Joe Roth, violin, and Michael Sherman, clarinet.

Celebrations began Friday night with a festive dinner for residents, families and board members. On Saturday morning, a Shabbat service was followed by a special kiddush.



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From coast to coast

Likud MK warns of new terrorism

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The pullback of Israeli troops from key positions in Judea and Samaria, as spelled out in Phase 2 of the Oslo accords, will lead to a new spate of terror from Hamas, warns a leading Likud MK.

The second phase of the PLO-Israel agreement was to go into force July 1, and the 150,000 Jewish settlers in the territories are already manning the barricades, Tzachi HaNegbi told *The CJN* in an interview last week.

HaNegbi was in town to raise money for the settlers, whom he called Israel's "true fighters" and the "last barrier" against a Palestinian state on the country's doorstep.

If he wanted to, Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat could crush Hamas in Gaza "in three days," but in the West Bank, Arafat is "incapable" of confronting the terror group, said HaNegbi, 38, an MK since 1988 and son of longtime MK Geula Cohen of the now-defunct Tehiya Party.

Hamas recently promised Arafat two months of peace and quiet so that he can assume control over the territories, after which a new ter-

Tzachi HaNegbi

ror campaign to oust Jews will begin, HaNegbi said, citing recent Israeli media reports.

Settlers "will face enormous problems" in the coming months and desperately need funds to buy emergency communications equipment and build bypass roads, he said.

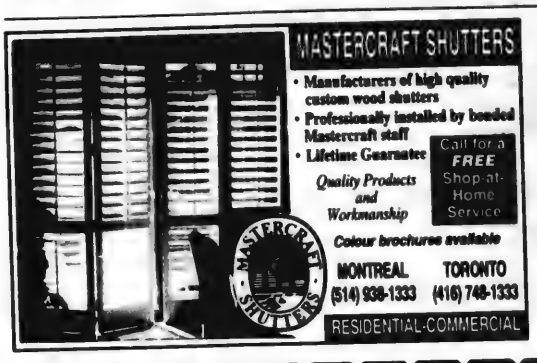
It's "common knowledge" in Israel that the Labor government is ready for the country to return to its pre-1967 borders, even though most Israelis are dead against it, HaNegbi said. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin "is ready for a total pullback" from the Golan Heights — the next major flash point in Israel, he added.

As for former foreign minister David Levy breaking with Likud and threatening to form his own party, "It was lucky for us that it happened 1½ years before the next election. That's more than enough time for any scars to heal."

HaNegbi feels Levy "miscalculated" in quitting Likud — something borne out by the fact that not one Likud MK went with him.

Levy's move will leave "no damaging" effects on Likud, and in fact, could hurt Levy.

"People are angry at him. They think the last thing Likud needs now are personal, egotistical matters."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Soviet activist sums up her experiences

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "We battled the great Soviet bear and won."

This is the way Wendy Eisen, author of *Count Us In, the Struggle to Free Soviet Jews* (Burgher Books, Toronto, hard cover, $29.95) summed up her experiences.

The launch of the book at Holy Blossom Temple recently was attended by some 300 people, who celebrated their own part in the liberation.

Mementoes of the struggle were displayed in the Philip Smith Hall — personal letters from Holy Blossom members to the president of the Soviet Union, petitions bearing hundreds of names, photos of the Vasilevsky and Tarshis families who were among those adopted by the temple.

Eisen, an activist herself, announced that proceeds of the sale of her book will go to help olim from Russia.

Interest in the fate of Jews still living in the former Soviet Union remains strong at the Holy Blossom. The book launch was sponsored by the temple's Minsk Project and Alan Garfinkel told of members who continue to visit synagogues and small communities there regularly to lead seders and teach Judaism.

Eisen named J.B. Salsberg, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Ben Kayfetz and the late Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg as the four founders of the movement to free Soviet Jewry. She presented copies of her book to them, Ronni Rosenberg accepting for her late father.

Charles S. Chaplin, 84, a temple member and film distributor was also honored. He insisted that at least one Jew be freed from prison for every film contract he signed with the Russians.

Also honored was Genya Intrator, Canada's translator telephone link with Soviet Jews, whose own telephone line was being monitored by the KGB, according to Baruch Gur, former Jewish Agency head in Russia, who spoke at the launch.

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From coast to coast

Winter a leader in Hungarian Jewish community

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Eugene Winter

TORONTO — From a young age, Eugene Winter displayed the selflessness, generosity of spirit and compassion for his fellow human beings that would characterize him for the rest of his life.

A key leader of the Hungarian Jewish community in Toronto, Winter died recently at Mount Sinai Hospital at the age of 85.

"He had an inspiration from the beginning of his life," recalled Rabbi Zolton Zagon, rabbi emeritus at the Beth Hazichoron Congregation, which Winter helped found.

"He loved Judaism. It was in everything he did," said Winter's son, Andrew. "He believed in it. He was God-fearing. He respected rabbis, the Torah. He didn't have any money, but he donated the first ark [for Beth Hazichoron]."

"He gave us the greatest gift," said Winter's older son, Gabriel. "He bequeathed the gift of enjoying life. He savored every moment of it. We savor every moment of it because of our father and because [he instilled] the idea that you are responsible for your family and for your fellow man."

A man who garnered numerous awards, Winter was honored last year with the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship for his dedication to humanitarian causes in Canada. In 1958, he received a Letter of Appreciation from the United Nations for his efforts in organizing aid, medicine, employment and shelter for Hungarian refugees. In 1982, he was given the Jerusalem Medal by Mayor Teddy Kollek for his underground activities against the Nazis.

Winter's community involvement goes back even before World War II, to when he served as secretary of the Hungarian Jewish youth movement.

Early in the war, he was conscripted into a forced labor unit, but he escaped and joined partisan groups that fought the Nazis and their Hungarian counterparts.

"He was an incredibly brave man with no fear of injury or harm. He believed he was his brother's keeper," Gabriel said. "When he was in the labor unit, he stood up for all the people. He stood up to the guards and got severely beaten."

Following the war, his father dedicated himself to tracking down war criminals and served as president of the Anti-Fascist Organization. In 1946, in the city of Miskolc, backed by a few dozen Jews armed with machine guns, he faced down a mob of thousands bent on an anti-Semitic pogrom.

In 1948, Winter, his wife Maria and children Andrew and Gabriel fled the communists for Israel, where he helped found the town of Bat Shlomo, near Zichron Yaakov.

In 1951 they moved to Canada.

Gabriel remembers the early years in Toronto as one of constant organizational meetings and trips to Union Station at 2 a.m. to greet refugees fleeing Hungary.

"Our home was always full of people [some of whom] stayed for months," Gabriel said.

A laborer in a paper mill when he first came to Canada, Winter became a jewelry salesman.

"When he gave money away, my mother said, 'How can you do it?' He said, 'How can I not do it?' " Gabriel recalled.

"His job was his hobby. His love for his community was his job," Andrew added.

Winter was founder and first president of the Canadian Jewish Federation of Hungarian Descent, the Beth Hazichoron Congregation and the Toronto Hakoah Sports and Culture Centre.

He is survived by wife of 65 years, Maria, his sons and their wives Susan and Ildi, and grandchilden Ron, Don, Lisa and her husband Eddie, Lisa and her fiancee Jim, David and Mike and great-grandchild Chantal.

Emunah members gather

MONTREAL — Members from Halifax to Vancouver attended the 31st annual national convention of Emunah Women of Canada, held recently at the CBB Retreat & Vacation Centre in the Laurentians, north of Montreal.

Honored guests at the three-day convention were Dr. Carole Golding, chair of World Emunah, who flew in from Israel; Israel Consul General to Montreal Daniel Gal; Goldie Hershon, newly-elected president of Canadian Jewish Congress; and Dr. Rosalie Reich, president of Emunah of America.

Events organized by co-convenors Paula Dubrow of Montreal and Rochelle Balaban of Toronto, based on the convention theme, The Challenge and the Vision, included discussions on Strengthening Jewish Values, Leadership Skills and Bringing the Vision to Fruition.

Dorothy Zeifman, past president of Toronto Council, presented a report on the city's chapters.

Rena Schondorf was installed as president of Emunah Women of Canada, succeeding Miriam Novick, who continues to remain active with the organization.

Also elected were vice-presidents Rochelle Balaban, Toronto; Paula Dubrow, Montreal; Rivka Kraus, Ottawa; Erika Richler, Montreal; and Bea Rosenfield, Toronto. Chairman of the board was Sarah Bauer, Montreal; associate chairman, Judy Pachino, Toronto.

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והינה בתודש האחרון, משתי וווית שונות, קיבלתי דרישת שלום חמה מהאוניברסיטה שלי: המחלקה לכימיה של האוניברסיטה נמצאת בראש סולם המחלקות מסוג זה בעולם, עם המספר הרב ביותר של פירסומים מדעיים . רק אוניברסיטאות עילית בארה"ב כמו MIT נמצאות טיפה מעליה. לא הספקתי להתאושש ובום - בכותרות עיתוני יום שישי מסופר שפרופ. יוסי הררי, מהמחלקה לגנטיקה של ביה"ס לרפואה באוניברסיטה, ויחה את הליקוי הגנטי של מחלת ילדים תורשתית וקשה שאפילו השם שלה קשה (אטאקסיה טלאנגיאקטאויה). המאמר על הגילוי מתפרסם בעיתון הרפואי החשוב ביותר בעולם SCIENCE.

כל מי שעוקב אחרי ההתפתחות הכלכלית המדהימה של ישראל בשנים האחרונות מודע לכך שיסוד ההצלחה הוא באיכות כוח האדם, ובעיקר בראש הישראלי. אנשים יכולים למצות את עצמם רק אם הם מקבלים חינוך אופטימאלי - והשילוב של ראש ישראלי יהודי עם אוניברסיטאות ובתי ספר טכניים מעולים - זה שם המשחק שיביא את ישראל לפיסגה בדור הבא.

סוף הסיפור הוא שביתי החליטה ללמוד באוניברסיטת תל אביב והיא מדווחת שהלימודים קשים ומפרכים , בדיוק כמו שהיו לפני שלושים שנה....

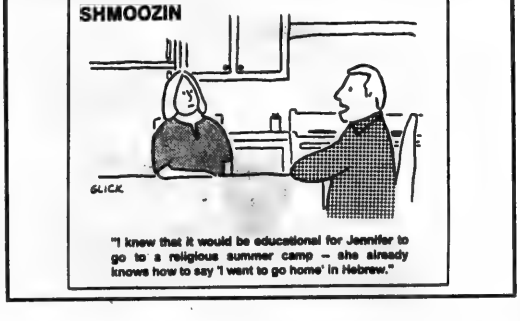
פול ברנארדו :

עכשיו לעניין מקומי. פול ברנארדו, רואה חשבון תעיר ונאה עומד למשפט על כך שבסיוע אשתו הצעירה והיפה חטפו, אנסו ורצחו שתי נערות בית ספר תיכון. קרוב לודאי שלעולם לא היו מוהים אותו אילולא המשיך להכות באישתו עד שחששה זו לחייה והחליטה לספר הכל במשטרה. וכדי להוכיח את הפשעים מעל לכל ספק - הסריטו בני חזוג את כל מעלליהם בוידיאו, ולאחר חיפושים נמצאו הסרטים אצל עורך הדין של מר ברנארדו....

שנים רבות מתנהל דיון ציבורי בכל המדינות הדמוקראטיות האם יש ערך בעונש המות. האם הוא מרתיע פושעים, האם ניתן להצדיקו מבחינה מוסרית וכו, וכו. אישית אני מאמין שאנשים כמו מר ברנארדו , שמעשיהם הוכחו מעל לכל ספק, חייבים להיות מוצאים ממעגל החיים. בכוונה אינני אומר שהם "חייבים לשלם על מעשיהם" משום שלפי מיטב הבנתי ברנארדו הוא איש סוטה ותולה מאוד ואין כל טעם "להעניש" אותו, ואין גם כל סיכוי שיחיה לעונש כזה ערך מרתיע. כל שנה חוננים פה אנסים ואנשים שהתעללו בילדים, ולא אחת הם חוזרים על מעשיהם ברגע שנוצרת ההזדמנות הראשונה. מה שיקרה זה שברנארדו ישב בכלא כל חייו ויעלה למשלם המיסים סכומים שיוכלו לתאכיל אלפי ילדים רעבים ולהקים בתים למאות אנשים חסרי גג. לרפואה אין אפילו קצה של הבנה איך פועל המוח של אנשים כאלה ומה לקוי בו, וממילא אין שום סיכוי שנוכל לתקן אותו. מטעמים אלה אני משוכנע שאנשים שאונסים ורוצחים ילדים ושמעשיהם הוכחו מעל לכל ספק אינם יכולים להמשיך לחיות. החלטה כזו איננה צייכה להיות אמוציונאלית או נקמנית ואני גם לא מאמין שהיא תרתיע את הסוטה הבא. גם הוא - אם ייתפס ויוכחו מעשיו בבית המשפט - אינו יכול להמשיך לחיות. תחשבו על זה.

רק ישראלי יבין :

מרים ילן שטקליס היתה משוררת /סופרת לילדים וכמעט כל ילד ישראלי גדל על ספריה. "עייפה הבובה זהבה/עייף מאוד הדוב... במיטה שוכבת נורית/אבא אבא היא קוראה....". הילדה נורית היתה קרובת משפחה של מרים ילן , וכמו סופרים רבים גם ילן הכלילה את מקורביה בשיריה. לפני כשלושים שנה הלחין שמוליק קראוס את השיר חנפלא הזה ושרו אותו "יהלונות הגבוהים" עם שמוליק , אריק איינשטיין וגיוזי כץ. והינה גיליתי עכשיו שנורית המקורית התאבדה לפני שנים, והיה לי נורא עצוב, כאילו שמת מישהוא שאני מכיר אישית.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Olmert stresses need for united Jerusalem

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jerusalem mayor Ehud Olmert, a vocal opponent of the peace process, stated his case for a united Jerusalem in an impassioned speech here last week.

"The world is happy for Israel to make peace as long as we sell out all our national treasures ... as long as we give, not get," Olmert told a crowd of 550 people paying tribute to Saul and Toby Feldberg at a dinner in support of the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT).

"What we need more than anything else," he thundered, "is a strengthening of our understanding of where it all comes from." Olmert evoked poignant images of the longstanding religious and historical significance of the city.

He dismissed the notion of a divided Jerusalem as "a modern creation," pointing out that the city was divided for only 19 years, from 1948 to 1967.

The JCT was lauded by Olmert as a "perfect example" of what is needed in modern Jerusalem, because it both honors the past and develops the future.

The institution, established in 1969, offers four-year degree courses in high technology fields, along with a compulsory program in advanced Judaic studies. Its student population has grown from 15 to over 600 students.

Jerusalem is emerging as the "Silicon Valley of the Middle East," Olmert said. Hi-tech industry is growing rapidly there, and the JCT has made a major contribution, he added.

The dinner at the Inn on the Park Hotel marked the establishment of the Saul & Toby Feldberg Microcomputer Lab Centre at the school.

The JCT must grow, said its president, Joseph Bodenheimer, because the world, particularly Israel, is "hurtling forward from the age of technology to the age of super-technology." Electronic mail, he offered as an example, is "only a precursor" of the future of telecommunications.

The Feldbergs run The Global Group of Companies, Canada's largest manufacturer of office furniture. They also established Teknion Industries in Haifa, which supplies furniture in both Israel and Europe.

Feldberg spoke of his pride in being part of Israel's growing economy and helping to employ Russian immigrants. "We still cannot take prosperity for granted," he said. "We must lead by example so that our children will continue carrying the torch of peace for Israel and for the rest of the world."

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Auschwitz photographs pose mystery

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TORONTO — At 42, Tom Ungar is one of the youngest presidents of the Jewish National Fund (JNF) of Toronto.

Over 125 supporters attended the 1995 annual meeting of JNF Toronto in June at the Inn On The Park Hotel, where Ungar was elected president.

In their reports, outgoing president Patricia Alpert reviewed her three years in office; Ben Prossin presented a positive report as executive director; and Brig.-Gen. Doron Kadmiel, special Jerusalem emissary to JNF Toronto, outlined his department's special projects and announced that two days before the annual meeting a $2-million contribution had been finalized for two projects in Israel.

Treasurer Alvin Dickstein tabled the financial reports. Newly-appointed JNF Toronto chair for Jerusalem 3000, Frank A. Wilson, outlined plans for the celebrations.

Special awards presented were: The Bernard Bloomfield Medal, highest award for service to a JNF volunteer, was given to John and Rose Ziner for many years of service. The Esther and Eric Exton Educational Award went to Necha Jakubowicz, teacher and director of the Playlearn Preschool. The President's Medal was received by Alpert in recognition of her three years of outstanding service.

Alan I. Posluns remains honorary chairman of the board, while six vice-presidents were elected — Alvin Dickstein, G. Bud Eisenberg, Ron Hoffman, Sandy Posluns, Judith Shostack and Frank A. Wilson. Treasurer will be Robert Ziner and assistant treasurer is Brenda Cooper while Marvin Rosensheim will serve as secretary and Marilyn Berg as assistant secretary. Honorary counsel is Stephen Karr.

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J.S.R. concept sweeps Toronto singles off their feet

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Another engagement

Mazel Tov is in the air as another J.S.R. couple will be walking down the aisle in just a few months. It has also been reported that two other couples will be announcing their engagements by summer's end. No doubt about it ... if you are looking to meet other Jewish singles, be it for friendship, dating, or even marriage, the time is **now** to register with the Jewish Singles Registry.

J.S.R. "guarantee" eliminates the risk factor

The majority of J.S.R. members never joined a dating service before and the J.S.R. guarantee makes signing up virtually **risk free**. In the event that a member has not received a minimum of six potential dates within the first year of membership, the Registry agrees to waive a member's second year renewal fee for a period of up to 12 months from the expiry of his/her first year's registration, or until the member has received six potential dates. **There is virtually no risk in joining the Jewish Singles Registry of Toronto.** You can contact the Registry office for details.

What's new ...

There is a lot of exciting things happening at the J.S.R. but just exactly what they are, Singer is keeping quiet about. "We are working on many new projects, both external and internal designed to put the J.S.R. in the forefront for the 21st century." he says. "A lot of time and effort has already been put into these projects and as soon as we are ready to announce them *The Canadian Jewish News* readers will be the first to know."

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There's nothing quite like shopping for bedding and table linens. Given the right environment, you're transported into an almost Beatrix-Potter-like fairy-tale setting where everything is cozy and quaint — exactly as your home sweet home should be.

The Chitiz family, with some 47 years of experience in the linen trade, decided to create this environment on a grand scale when they opened a warehouse store at 39 Orfus Road in 1994. Their 10,000 square feet of space filled with quality merchandise merely enhances the fairy-tale atmosphere by making *more of it* — much more of every quality brand name available at the lowest prices imaginable.

You're sure to find exactly what you need in a fantastic range of bedding, table linens and bathware. Want sheets? Among others, they carry Croscill, Wamsutta, Revman, Crown Craft, Martex, Carrington, Springmaid, Fieldcrest, and the Veratex line which is printed in Israel. If it covers a bed and it's good quality then Deblins has it, in a

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full range of sizes, patterns and colours. Pillow coverings, duvets and duvet covers are stocked in abundance, always first quality — headlined by white Canadian down goose duvets, in all weights and sizes, at exceptional prices with a host of complementary coverings.

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Just because Deblins is big, however, doesn't mean they've forsaken the small-store service that has driven the company's success. All your questions related to product and fabric care will be promptly and expertly answered, and in the rare instance where you don't find exactly what you need in stock, Deblins will be happy to order it for you or custom make it at an excellent price.

Deblins also offers a wide assortment of ready-made draperies that will beautify your home in the traditional way, and their expert staff will be more than happy to assist you with all the details of colour coordination and hardware.

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Many stores talk low prices, but Deblins delivers. Proof is the fact that they don't even give discounts to designers, so you know that a Deblins price is the lowest price.

"Price, quality and service are the cornerstones of our business, and we offer all three, every day. When you walk through our door, we don't expect you to compromise. We do expect that you will walk out with the quality merchandise you want at the lowest price anywhere."

Another silver lining in Deblins linen chest is the fact that they don't sell junk. No irregulars, no seconds that won't make it through the wash. "What's the benefit of getting low prices if you're also getting inferior quality?" asks President Ellis Chitiz.

In addition to their Superstore at 39 Orfus Road, Deblins has stores in The Promenade Mall at Bathurst and Centre Street and in the Mississauga Home and Design Centre for your shopping convenience.

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Friday, July 7

A SPIRITUAL REVOLUTION

Former Soviet Refusenik **Rabbi Eliyahu Essas**, head of the Russian Department at Ohr Somayach/Tanenbaum College in Jerusalem, talks about Leaving Mother Russia: The Making of a Spiritual Revolution, at a dinner and program, 7 p.m., Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd. Cost $15, reservations requested. 483-0883.

Saturday, July 8

SHEVCHENKO CHORUS

Shevchenko Male Chorus, accompanied by **Dejan Badnjar** on accordion, present selections from the 1995 Shevchenko Musical Ensemble annual concert at camp Naivelt (Eldorado Park), Brampton. Admission free. 789-5502.

Sunday, July 9

LEAVING MOTHER RUSSIA

Rabbi Eliyahu Essas, lecturer at Ohr Somayach Jerusalem, presents a lecture in Russian for the Russian Jewish community, 8:30 p.m., Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W. Admission $5. 905-886-5730.

DRILDZER PICNIC

Young Men's Drildzer Society picnic 11 a.m., Downsview Dell's Park (south off Sheppard between Keele and Jane). Family members welcome. Bring lunch. Games and refreshments provided. Confirm **Ruth Greenberg** 905-770-4884 or **Lillian Goldman** 667-8259.

RUMMAGE SALE & BAZAAR

Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue rummage sale and bazaar offers bargains galore in good used clothing, books, household items, toys, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2640 Bayview Ave.

KIDNEY RESEARCH

Polycystic Kidney Research Society of Canada meeting focuses on latest information and patient support, 2 p.m. Beth Sholom Synagogue. 905-844-9840.

WINGATE BRANCH

General Wingate branch, Royal Canadian Legion, picnic at G. Ross Lord Park (enter opposite Hyland Farms, Dufferin St. north of Finch and follow signs). $5 per adult.

Wednesday July 12

MUSICA BETH TIKVAH

Musica Beth Tikvah's Summer Music IV mini-series first concert features Panache A Trios, a young vocal trio consisting of **Lilac Cana, Ruth Plitz** and **Benjamin Stein** in a mix of pop to classics including Israeli and Yiddish folk songs, 8 p.m. $5 at the door.

ART AUCTION

Ohr Somayach/Jewish Learning Exchange art auction at Park Plaza Hotel, preview and reception 6:30 p.m., tour of art work 7 p.m., auction 7:30 p.m. No cover charge.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League-Vaughan presents The Art of Breastfeeding 8 p.m. at 85 Inverlochy, Unit 10, Thornhill. **Joyce** 905-881-8779 or **Robin** 905-885-8364.

Friday, July 14

HAPPY MUSICAL HOUR

Concert pianist **Lola Julitta Burns** performs semi-classical and popular music, 2-3 p.m. Lincoln Place, 429 Walmer Rd.

Wednesday July 19

SUPPORT GROUP

Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians, 7:30 p.m. Holy Blossom Temple, Enkin Boardroom. For information, call in confidence 763-9111.

ANOREXIA GROUP

Anorexia Bulimia Support Group topic is The Wellness Centre's Approach to Eating Disorders, with **Viola Fodor**, 7:30 p.m. New City Hall, Nathan Phillips Square. 766-8134.

And What Else Is New...

LEARNING EXCHANGE

Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd., phone 483-0883 — Sunday series There's More to Judaism Than Lox and Bagels with **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz** continues: July 9, Mysteries of the Holy Temple II, and July 16, Bringing the Messiah, 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Tuesday series, Don't Worry, Be Happy, with **Rena Schochet** begins July 18 with Happiness Is...I, 8-9 p.m.

KOSHER MEALS

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living offers kosher meals to residents/patients in care facilities. Meals are especially welcome to Jewish residents in a non-kosher fa-

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Mazel Tov

Fay & Harry Greene celebrated their 50th anniversary on May 13 with family and friends.

Phil, Rochelle, Robyn & Adam Feldberg have something to say. At the University of Toronto, Jeff earned his MBA. Jeff is finally finished with school; graduating second in his class, he is no fool. With all those letters now following his name, we are sure in the future he will have some fame.

Dr. Rob & Heather Davis (nee Hart) of Collingwood are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Susannah Rachel on April 21. Watch out for her on the ski hills!

Marilyn & Marty Lederman and Albert & Albertine Mansoor are proud to announce the engagement of their children Elise Lederman & Ely Mansoor. Grandparents are Henry & Minnie Lederman, Joe & Rosalie Mazin and Simcha Mansoor. A July wedding is planned.

Janna Laiken graduated with high distinction from the University of Toronto with a bachelor in commerce and a major in economics. On June 13, she was awarded a gold medal for the highest standing in commerce.

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All announcements must be received no later than 3 months after the event. All notices must be typed, and a daytime telephone number of the sender must accompany the announcement.

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What's New

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cility. Meal includes main course of meat, fish or poultry, two vegetables, soup, bread and dessert. $7. The centre's kitchen is under supervision of the Orthodox division of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. **Sharon Zeiler**, 225-2112, fax 225-2097.

AISH HATORAH

I'm OK You're Not So Great, **Sol Jakubowicz**, Monday, July 10, 8 p.m. Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, Suite 303.

A Time to Weep: From Three to Nine to One, **Rabbi Dovid Kestenbaum**, Thursday, July 13, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill.

Beauty is in the Eye of the Doctor?, **Dr. Michael Kirzner**, Monday, July 17, 8 p.m.

Sneak preview of the new Aish HaTorah Dan Family Community Centre, Tuesday, July 18, 7-9 p.m., Clark Avenue, west of Bathurst Street.

Judaism: If I am Not For Myself, **Rabbi Aryeh Pamensky**, Wednesday, July 19, Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. 8 p.m.

ISRAELI FOLKDANCING

Israeli folkdancing with **Marco Ben-Shimon**, Thursdays, Earl Bales Community Centre, 8 p.m. beginners; 9-11 p.m. intermediate/advanced, and Tuesdays at Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., children ages 8 and up, 6:30 p.m.; adult regular beginners, 7:30 p.m.; intermediate/advanced 8:30 p.m. 905-771-0363.

CLUB BEERSHEBA

Club Beersheba, Na'amat Canada, celebrates its 40th anniversary this fall. A grand reunion for all former members is planned to mark the occasion. **Mollie Rothman** 733-3634.

BOUTIQUE VENDORS

Boutique vendors are needed for Temple Sinai Sisterhood's **Rose Reisman** cooking demonstration/boutique sale at the temple, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m. **Sandra Montague-Sigal** 905-428-3820.

PARENT/CHILD PROGRAMS

Enjoy informal discussions and activities, meet other parents and children, learn more about child development and child management skills at Parent and Preschooler Programs offered by North York Board of Education. Summer session starts this week. Mallow Education Resource Centre, 395-5042.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Baycrest Open-Golf Tournament fundraiser, Tuesday, July 11, and Wednesday, July 12, Glen Eagle Golf Club, Bolton. $250 single entry, $1,000 per foursome per day or $1,800 per foursome for both days. Registration and lunch 11 a.m., tee off 1 p.m.. Cocktails and dinner to follow. 789-7071.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood duplicate bridge Tuesdays 7:45 p.m. at the temple. Coffee and cookies served. **Jean Sengaus** 781-9695.

SUPPORT GROUP

Dr. David Saul, family physician, has formed a support group for women who do not have breast cancer but who are in the high risk category. Group meets Tuesdays 6:30-8 p.m. through July and August. Funded by OHIP. 298-1303.

POSITIVE PARENTING

Jewish Family & Child Service Positive Parenting Groups — Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work; Single Parent Challenge; Successful Step-Parenting: Learning to Step Together; Living With Teens. Groups begin this fall. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

North York chapter of Older Women's Network, for women 55 and over, discuss books focusing on feminist issues of interest to older women, Sundays July 9 and August 13, 1:30-4:30 p.m., North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. Register at first session. 395-5639.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Jewish Family & Child Service educational workshop for men who have trouble managing anger, begins July 26, 7 p.m., for four sessions. $60. Register **Pat Leiberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

AWARD PRESENTED

Honored as one of Ontario's top volunteers Gerda Frieberg (left) received an Ontario 1995 Oustanding Achievement Award at a special ceremony held in Toronto recently in recognition of her dedication to humanitarion causes as founder of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre and her serice in leadership positions with numerous organizations. With her is Edna Rigby, director, client services branch, Ministry of Citizenship.

For Seniors

Association of Jewish Seniors' annual picnic, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, July 9, Earl Bales Park, Area 1. Everybody welcome. Bring your own lunch and chairs. Free refreshments, bingo and entertainment provided. **Goldie Leibman** 635-2860.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays, 9:30-10:45 a.m., boardroom. Next meeting July 7. **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

LZA Seniors Club — final registration for July 27-August 6 Catskill trip; tickets available for *The Gondoliers* in Stratford Sept. 6. **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841; Ladies Folkdancing Thursday 1:30 p.m. and Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m. at Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Miami trip 1996 registration, Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. starting July 19 at the centre.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Call 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dances, July 8, 15, 22, 29, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dances July 9, 23, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; walk in the park Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Port Dalhousie August 17, members $18, non-members $20; Ottawa and Gatineau Hills, Rideau Canal cruise, sightseeing, top accommodations, meals, August 22-24; Windsor Casino trip, Sept. 5 and 6, members $125, non-members $135; Israeli trip Oct. 25-Nov. 8, full Israeli breakfasts, 13 dinners. 395-7881.

If you would like a ride to the Catskills, join **Young at Heart Seniors** trip to Pines Hotel July 14-23. Bazaar takes place Sunday, July 9, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Magen David Congregation, 10 McAllister Rd. **Helen** 635-6343.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. — Travelogue on Scotland by **Stanley Witkin**, Monday, July 10, 1 p.m.; early September trip to Homowack Hotel in the Catskills; Stratford for *The Boyfriend* Sept. 27. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Pine Villa, 1035 Eglinton Ave. W., Safe Steps to Healthy Feet, Tuesday, July 11, 2-3 p.m. Admission free, reservations requested. 787-5626.

CREATIVE LIVING CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents **Anne Balaban** speaking on Psychology in the Courtroom, Monday, July 10, 1:30 p.m. Non-members $1.

Labor Day Weekend Getaway to Maple Lake Resort in Parry Sound Sept. 1-4 with kosher meals, activities, entertainment, transportation, $210 per person double occupancy. **Helen**.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults meets Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. **Anna**.

at the JCC/BJC

Israeli folkdancing at Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., Wednesdays 7:30-11 p.m. for intermediate/advanced. **Teme** 636-1880.

STUDENT PRESENTATION

The Grade 8 graduating class of the Leo Baeck Day School and their teachers met with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien (centre) and MP Barry Campbell (far right) on their recent trip to Ottawa. The students presented the prime minister with an autographed copy of Rabbi Gunther Plaut's *The Torah: A Modern Commentary*.

SCROLL OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED

Rabbi Norman Lamm (left), president, Yeshiva University's affiliated Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary (RIETS), presents a scroll of appreciation to commemorate the investiture of a chair in Talmud endowed by Torontonians Perez and Frieda Friedberg, to the Friedberg's daughter and son-in-law Suzanne and Jacques Jacobowitz. Award was presented at the annual RIETS dinner in New York City.

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REENA FOUNDATION GALA DINNER

The stars were shining brightly for the Reena Foundation's annual gala dinner. Enjoying the festivities are (from right) Tom Unger, dinner chair; Ken Shaw, CFTO News anchor who acted as MC; and Ron Hoffman, chair of Reena Foundation's board of directors. Proceeds from the celebration will go towards building the Toby and Henry Battle Developmental Centre. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

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Anorexia treatment sought

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Ifat, a 20-year-old Israeli who is suffering from anorexia nervosa, recently came to Victoria with her family to seek treatment at the Montreux Counselling Centre, a private facility.

The family read about the centre in *Yediot Achronot*, an Israeli daily, and brought the girl here with the hope she can be cured of the ailment, which has plagued her for four years.

The girl has received psychological counselling in Israel and has been hospitalized several times for IV feeding, but nothing has helped her regain her health, says a friend, Sara Thoms, who is attempting to raise funds to help pay for Ifat's treatment.

Thoms is a former Israeli who has lived in Victoria for five years. "If she remained in Israel, Ifat would have to be committed to a psychiatric unit and be treated as a mentally unstable person, forced to eat and be medicated. Girls who have been institutionalized in Israel for anorexia have not received appropriate care and some have died as a result," said Thoms.

Thoms told *The CJN* Ifat weighed 48 kilograms when she came here and Montreux cared for her for a while.

"During that time she was persuaded to eat — something her family and friends are unable to do."

The Montreux Centre says Ifat's heart is very weak and her condition is "extremely serious."

A Montreux brochure says the centre's treatment for anorexia is based on a "workable premise of total recovery, even in the most serious eating disorder cases," providing care on a one-to-one 24-hour-a-day basis.

The centre was established by Peggy Claude-Pierre, as a result of her success in treating her own two daughters who suffered from anorexia in their teens.

Victoria Jews have raised funds to help Ifat and sent out appeals to other areas. For information or to help, contact Congregation Emanu-El in Victoria, B.C.

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Author finds racism in polite society

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "Be worried. Be very, very worried" read the cover of a recent U.S. magazine about the threat posed by terrorists using nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

Though she has given her book a less sensational title, *The Invisible Empire: Racism in Canada*, (Random House), author Margaret Cannon believes there are plenty of reasons for concern about the appeal of the racist right in Canada.

Racism is a pervasive underlying current in Canadian society which is not limited to the loud aggressive posturing of groups like the Heritage Front, she said.

Inside corporate boardrooms, in clubs and in dinner conversation in polite society, a perceptive observer can still see the ugly face of prejudice. Anti-Semitism, "the most enduring hatred," still exists, if not in its more virulent forms, she said.

Today, codewords mask underlying animosity. She has heard the term "nouveau Jew" used to describe a decorating style, and a prominent Toronto Jewish lawyer called "loud, flashy, showy" by a non-Jewish colleague.

Jews should not get too complacent about their place in Canadian society, Cannon asserts. They shouldn't make the same mistake made in Austria and Germany 60 years ago, when Jews believed they'd broken down occupational barriers, had prestige and were considered loyal citizens.

Cannon's thesis is that dominant groups in various societies often set themselves apart from "the other" — minorities who can be treated as convenient scapegoats when times get tough.

The first hatred of the other in western societies is the contempt for Jews, she continues. "On to that [the racist right] grafts all their other hatreds; anti-gun laws, 'feminazis'; people taking their jobs; people taking over the country."

Cannon presents a comprehensive survey of the racist scene in Canada. But instead of merely outlining the who's who of Canadian racists, she attempts to delve into "the strange circuitry of the racist mind."

A native of Hot Springs, Ark., Cannon inserts herself into the book. "I went to the Heritage Front [event] and found myself in the place I was born to, a white woman, a mother and grandmother, with 18-year-olds patting me on the head," she writes.

In her youth, Arkansas was an openly racist and segregated society, she recalled. Armed Ku Klux Klan men paraded in the streets of Little Rock and her father "went to his grave believing that blacks were inferior beings, [but] as a sop to me, he stopped using the word 'nigger'."

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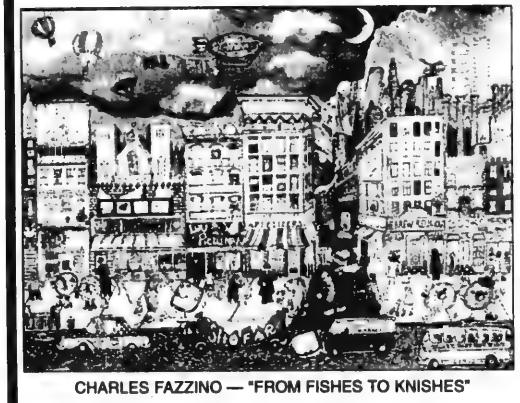
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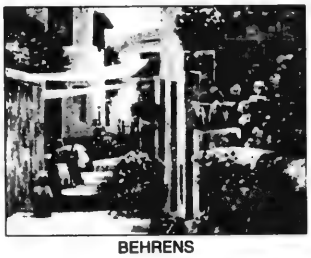
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Air Canada's inaugural Israel flight a success

By DONALD CARR

TEL AVIV — The landing of Air Canada's first flight to Israel on June 21 caused a stir, not only at Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion Airport, but on radio and TV, in newspapers and on the street. For at least a short time, an Israeli public bent on as much Americanization as possible, understood that Canada is a separate country, distinguishable from its neighbor, the United States.

As the full Boeing 767 touched down, it was greeted on the tarmac by a band, colorful flags, food and drink and a welcome from Eli Gonen, director-general of the Israel Ministry of Tourism and from Norman Spector, Canada's ambassador to the state.

In an emotional response, Jean-Jacques Bourgeault, executive vice-president and chief operating officer of Air Canada, who had travelled on the inaugural flight with his wife Manon, expressed enthusiasm for his airline's new venture and his great satisfaction that the regularly-scheduled service had come to fruition.

The gleaming white 767 bore Air Canada's new colors, with its red maple leaf on the navy blue tail. On the fuselage, near the nose of the plane, was the blue stylized Magen David, partly in the shape of a dove of peace, the symbol of tourism for this year.

The departure lounge at Pearson Airport prior to take off had been converted into an Israeli celebration, complete with falafel stands, balloons, an Israeli folksinger and a great deal of gaiety. Even passengers from the adjacent Royal Jordanian Airlines flight to Amman sampled the falafel.

On board the special flight were several community invitees, including Goldie Hershon, president of Canadian Jewish Congress, with her husband Sheldon; Brian Morris, president of B'nai Brith Canada, and his wife Harriet; Stephen Victor, chair of the Canada-Israel Committee, and his wife Gail; Jack Silverstone, executive director of Congress, and his wife Ann; B'nai Brith executive vice-president Frank Dimant with his wife Florence; Steve Ain, executive vice-president of UIA of Canada; Rob Ritter, executive director Canada-Israel Committee, with his son Matthew; Florence Simon of the Canadian-Zionist Federation and her husband David; Ted Zacks, vice-president, Council of Jewish Federations of Canada; Drew Staffenberg, executive director Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, and his wife Kriss; and this writer with his wife Judy Feld Carr.

Ruth Ben-Tzur, tourism director of the Israel government tourist office in Toronto; Robert Mildon, senior vice-president, marketing and in-flight service for Air Canada, and his wife Lizanne also were on the flight. Kym Robertson the airline's manager of corporate communications, had travelled ahead of time to meet the flight and she was primarily responsible for all preparations in Tel Aviv.

Those who flew in the executive first class seats enjoyed the now-famous facilities and service which make Air Canada virtually unique in overseas flights. Passengers in hospitality class expressed satisfaction with the seat space and the service on the 11-hour non-stop flight.

Spector held a welcoming reception at his home in Savyon for the Air Canada executives, crew and flight guests; and the airline, in conjunction with the Ministry of Tourism, provided six days of hospitality and "off the beaten track" touring.

At a farewell dinner prior to the return to Canada of the Air Canada executives and guests on June 26, Bourgeault, who had made his first visit to Israel, said he would return to Canada "a different person" as a result of his experiences in this country during the short stay. He — as well as other executives — vowed to return.

The airline is pleased with passenger response and is happy at the level of bookings. The first flights from Tel Aviv to Toronto are heavily booked with Israeli passengers.

The availability of non-stop flights from Toronto to Tel Aviv on Air Canada is an appealing one. Other airlines require the traveller to change planes in Europe or to take a different flight, which during most of the year, stops in Montreal and/or New York.

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Rabbi Schneerson remembered

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WASHINGTON — More than 700 Lubavitcher Chassidim came to Washington last week to remember their late spiritual leader, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, and see him posthumously awarded the United States' highest civilian honor, the Congressional Gold Medal.

The Rebbe's followers came from all over the world, from as close as New York and from as far as South Africa and Australia, to join in the celebration.

The first anniversary of Rabbi Schneerson's death, which fell on July 1, was marked with tributes and ceremonies around the world.

Throughout the day, congressional leaders, including Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich and Benjamin Gilman, chair of the House International Relations Committee, paid tribute to the Rebbe.

Gingrich, who helped spearhead legislation to honor the Rebbe with the medal, praised Rabbi Schneerson for not only believing in his ideals, but for living them.

Gilman, who sponsored an international lunch for the gathering, said the medal "honors the life and teachings of the Rebbe."

A banquet featuring a musical tribute by violinist Itzhak Perlman and the presentation of the medal capped the day.

Nearly 60 members of Congress, along with Nobel laureate Elie Wiesel and 700 Lubavitchers, attended the gala, where Rabbi Abraham Shemtov of Philadelphia, the national director of the Friends of Lubavitch, accepted the award.

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Israel, PLO still at impasse two years after peace deal

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Nearly two years after the formal signing of the Declaration of Principles (DoP) in Washington, Israel and the PLO are still at loggerheads over fundamental issues.

As a result of this impasse, they are one year behind schedule in carrying out the terms of their historic agreement.

Indeed, Israel and the PLO may miss a crucial deadline — the second phase of Palestinian autonomy, which encompasses the redeployment of the Israeli army in the West Bank and the holding of accompanying elections there.

But an interim accord, designed to appease the Palestinians, may be in the offing. The Palestinians would drop their demand for a full-blown agreement by this week. In exchange, Israel and the PLO would negotiate the transfer of all remaining spheres of civil authority in the West Bank, while Israeli soldiers would withdraw from the West Bank towns of Nablus, Tulkarem, Kalkilya and Jenin.

Even if this compromise proves acceptable to the PLO, the Palestinians will demand a speedy Israeli withdrawal from the rest of Palestinian urban centres, notably Ramallah, Bethlehem and Hebron.

The chances of that happening are slim unless the Palestine National Authority (PNA), based in the Gaza Strip, shows greater success in curbing terrorism — the Achilles heel of the DoP. An Israel evacuation will also be contingent on the completion of bypass roads to Jewish settlements, inhabited by upwards of 140,000 settlers whose fate will be determined in the final phase of negotiations.

The picture turns even cloudier now that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has indicated that Israel reserves the right of access to Palestinian towns, even after the planned withdrawals. PLO chairman Yasser Arafat is bound to object to this condition as an infringement of Palestinian sovereignty.

Another problem revolves around the eventual "empowerment" of the PNA in about 30 jurisdictions of self-rule. To the chagrin of the Palestinians, Israel demands veto power in several sensitive areas, principally water resources and the use of state lands. The success or failure of the DoP may hinge on the resolution of these disputes.

The thorny question of Palestinian elections poses yet another hazard. In light of its claim to the eastern half of the city, Israel stands firm in its refusal to allow Arabs from East Jerusalem to run for office or to cast ballots within East Jerusalem's municipal boundaries. The PLO rejects these conditions.

The PLO's National Covenant — which calls for Israel's destruction — is an additional bone of contention. Due to divisions within the PLO and a sense of disillusionment with the results of the DoP, Arafat has reneged on his promise to amend the covenant. Israel wants to settle this matter expeditiously. But it may linger on for a while yet.

As recent clashes in Nablus, Ramallah and East Jerusalem indicate, the presence of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails is an endemic source of tension. In 1993, Israel promised to release 10,000 Palestinian detainees. So far, about half have been freed, causing deep resentment among Palestinians.

Unless these obstacles are cleared away expeditiously, the full implementation of the DoP will not be possible.

Russian mafia infiltrates Israel

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The Russian mafia has laundered $4 billion (US) in Israel in recent years, and is trying to infiltrate everything from businesses to political parties, Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz said last Wednesday on returning from a trip to Russia, Ukraine and Hungary.

"Police action is not enough. It will take a combined effort of the law enforcement, immigration and tax authorities to contain the Russian mafia," said Cmdr. Yossi Levy, who accompanied Hefetz.

Russian criminals are entering Israel either as immigrants or with the help of immigrants, and the Law of Return needs to be reexamined to prevent this from continuing, the two officers said.

While stopping short of saying it needs amending, Hefetz and Levy said the Law of Return allows for authorities to take steps to prevent those with criminal records from entering Israel.

Levy said Russian authorities have agreed to help Israeli police check out potential immigrants to see whether they are connected to organized crime.

Police are also recommending that legislation be passed to prevent the laundering of money here, by requiring investors to declare the source of their finances.

Hefetz repeated a warning already sounded by Police Minister Moshe Shahal that the Russian mafia is threatening to infiltrate Israel's political system.

"The fall of the Soviet empire opened up the borders to the Russian mafia," according to Hefetz, who said some 300 major criminal gangs operate in the former Soviet state.

The gruesome double murder of a Russian immigrant grandmother and grandson in Ramat Aviv earlier this month was mafia-related, Hefetz said.

A special squad of 20 detectives has been set up to deal exclusively with organized crime in Israel.

Feinberg gets ready for bone marrow transplant in Seattle

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

NEW YORK — The bone marrow transplant for Jay Feinberg, the 26-year-old New Jersey man diagnosed with leukemia four years ago, and for whom clinics have been held across Canada, is due to take place next week at the Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle.

In its worldwide search for a compatible donor, the Feinberg family raised $2.5 million and helped save the lives of over a dozen people who located bone marrow donors through their blood drives, including several held in Israel.

In January 1993, thousands of would-be donors flooded Jerusalem hotels to have their blood tested. Similar blood drives were sponsored by the Friends of Jay Foundation throughout the United States.

But since Feinberg has a very rare human lymphocyte antigen (HLA) type, the family could not find a perfect match, or even a similar one.

Recently, an American woman who was tested in a Friends of Jay blood drive was found to have a compatible type — not a perfect match but close enough to give Feinberg a good chance of a complete cure.

The young woman — whose identity may not be revealed until after the procedure is completed due to American confidentiality laws — will donate a spoonful of bone marrow aspirated from her hip under anesthetic, and then go home a few hours later.

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June 26:

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June 27:

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Palestinian police arrested dozens of Hamas activists in the Gaza Strip, including three senior members of the organization. The arrests followed the bombing two days earlier of an Israel Defence Force vehicle near Gush Katif. None of the soldiers in the vehicle were hurt.

June 28:

• In an interview with *Ma'ariv*, Qatar's ambassador to the U.S. Sheik Abdul Rahman Bin Saud Al-Thani said that despite recent changes in his country's leadership, the "excellent, though informal relations between Israel and Qatar will continue. I hope that we will strengthen relations with Israel and even reach a higher level of contacts. We are committed to the peace process."

June 29:

• In speaking to the Israeli media on the state of discussions in Washington with Syrian military officials, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said the negotiations, which included U.S. officials, were successful both in atmosphere and content.

• According to *Ha'aretz*, foreign investment in Israel totaled $313 million (US) for the first quarter of 1995. This is double the level of investment from the first quarter of last year. On the other side of the ledger, Israel's balance of payments deficit increased in the first quarter of 1995 to $1.3 billion (US).

June 30 :

• Speaking about his talks with the Syrians on *Galei Zahal*, Chief of Staff Amnon Shahak said: "I can say there was a dialogue, an exchange of opinions, a clarification of both sides' positions, and what we can understand in a very clear manner - and this, too, is important - is that there are still very big gaps between the position of the two sides. And a lot has to be done yet if we want to bridge these gaps."

Kedusha ketana tactic answered

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — In a dramatic ruling seemingly from beyond the grave, and with a distinct Canadian angle, one of the world's foremost experts on Jewish law has declared that a young girl whose father secretly married her off is free from the vow of betrothal made by her father.

Rabbi Shlomo Zalman Auerbach, one of the few halachic leaders who could claim authority in almost every corner of the Orthodox Jewish world, died in February 1995.

But in August 1994, several months before he passed away, he ruled that Sarah Leah Goldstein is not bound by the marriage or in need of a Jewish divorce because her father had not produced the witnesses necessary to legitimize his vow.

Practice widely condemned

In 1993, Sarah's father, Israel Goldstein, of the Borough Park area of Brooklyn, N.Y., revived a long-unused practice called *kedusha ketana*, in which a man acts as his minor daughter's proxy and marries her off [*CJN*, June 15].

Goldstein's act, believed to be the first time that anyone had used *kedusha ketana* in a malevolent way, was part of an effort to punish his estranged wife, sources say. His wife has been trying to obtain a *get* (Jewish divorce decree) from Goldstein for five years.

Goldstein, who married off his daughter when she was 11, has refused to name the groom and the two male witnesses required to make a marriage legal.

Word of Rabbi Auerbach's ruling comes as other Orthodox authorities, including the Council of Torah Sages of the Agudath Israel of America, an organization representing Orthodox Jews, have been issuing statements strongly condemning the practice, as did Toronto's Vaad Harabanim.

It comes also as the New York district attorney, Charles Hynes, is considering whether to bring charges against Israel Goldstein for endangering the welfare of a minor, and as Sarah's mother, Gita Goldstein, and her attorney consider filing a civil suit against him.

Despite the outcry, Rabbi Auerbach was the first widely respected authority to have found a way within Halachah to invalidate the unions.

His decision is expected to nullify the acts of any men similarly marrying off their daughters and to deter those considering such a step.

"It's a terrible, terrible weapon that's been destroyed" with the Rabbi Auerbach ruling, said Rabbi Eliahu Rominek of Queens, N.Y., a Torah scholar who brought the Goldstein case to Rabbi Auerbach's attention last August and authored the legal response that Rabbi Auerbach approved.

There is believed to be only one other publicly known case of *kedusha ketana* (marriages of minors) in the last few years — that of Suri and Yossi Sharashefsky's daughter in Brooklyn. However, Yossi Sharashefsky did not have his act validated by a religious court as Israel Goldstein did.

As a result, several Orthodox rabbis have said they do not consider it to be as serious a concern as the Goldstein case.

Other cases are rumored to have taken place, though no names have been connected to them.

A representative of a secretive group that calls itself the Sholom Bayis Organization said in an interview that it has distributed hundreds of copies of a booklet called the *Kedusha Ketana Handbook*, explaining how fathers can marry off their daughters. The group said it intends to distribute 10,000 copies.

Gita Goldstein, who only learned of the Rabbi Auerbach ruling through a reporter last week, welcomed the news but remains concerned about its widespread acceptance.

"I am relieved, so relieved. This is like an enormous weight is off me, but I am still concerned that it's not the end," she said from her home in Montreal. "It's not over, it's not finished, because people could still question the validity."

Goldstein has sole custody of both her daughter and her son, David Aron, who is 10, because her husband did not ask for custody or visitation or show up for any of their custody hearings, she said.

Attempts to reach Israel Goldstein were unsuccessful.

Gita Goldstein had been working with two Montreal rabbis to resolve her daughter's plight.

In May 1994, the local Montreal rabbis turned to Rabbi Rominek, a scholar of Torah, for help. Rabbi Rominek researched the issue, wrote up a *tshuvah* (Jewish legal response), and then asked leading rabbinic authorities, all of whom are based in Jerusalem, to rule on the issue.

All but Rabbi Auerbach declined to address the issue, he said.

The *posek* (decider of Jewish law) studied the issue for a week and, according to Rabbi Rominek, on August 7, 1994, told him the girl is not bound to the marriage.

Rabbi Auerbach then told Rabbi Rominek to inform the Montreal community about his decision and to have anyone who questioned it call him in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Rominek said he told the Montreal rabbis of Rabbi Auerbach's decision but they did not spread the word, and several months later Rabbi Auerbach died.

Rabbi Rominek said he feels confident that Rabbi Auerbach's decision will not only free Sarah Leah Goldstein from a life of misery, but that it will also deter other men from trying the same thing.

"I expect it to be authoritative throughout the frum (religious) world," he said. "You'll always have some people griping, but overwhelmingly, it will be received with great joy and confidence."

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My mother lives with me and my husband. She is quite old and not in the best of health. Although she does not need to be under constant supervision right now, I don't think by next year that will be the case. I think she should put an application in to a number of seniors homes so that her options are open to her if and when the time comes. I don't know how to approach the subject without her feeling I'm trying to get rid of her.
Nervous

Dear Nervous,
Don't be! Your mother is probably concerned about her future as well. Bring it up with her in such a way that she understands it is only an application and not something she needs right at the moment. Explain that it is only one option but that it has to be done far in advance. She will probably understand and maybe even be grateful that you are planning for her future years. You may also want to consult a Jewish community agency on this matter, as they probably have counselling to handle just such an issue.

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Dear Ella,
What is it with women and bugs! Why is it that my wife is always waking me from the best dream to kill a spider, or my secretary wants me to conquer the bee that flew in the window, or my mother wants me to get the enormous bug that might as well be a mammal out of her kitchen sink. Why is it my job? I hate bugs!
Bugged by Bugs

Dear Bugged by Bugs,
Most men are just as uncomfortable with bugs as women are ... but society dictates that you have to kill those bugs! It's been that way since the beginning of time. You used to hunt dinosaurs, you used to kill sheep for sacrifices, now you're killing bugs ... So stop kvetching and be happy you're not squashing a dinosaur under that rolled up *TV Guide*. Remember, if more men did their bug job properly, there would be fewer bugs for us women to find!

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Walesa fails to satisfy U.S. Jewish leaders

By NATALIE WEINSTEIN
Jewish Bulletin of Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO — Disappointed that Polish President Lech Walesa again refused to condemn a priest for making anti-Semitic remarks, U.S. Jewish officials said last week they plan to keep a closer eye on Poland's attitudes toward Jews.

Leaders from the American Jewish Committee (AJC) and the San Francisco-based Jewish Community Relations Council met privately with Walesa for 40 minutes last Monday afternoon here. Walesa was visiting the city for the 50th anniversary celebration of the United Nations.

Jewish officials hoped the Polish leader would finally condemn the anti-Jewish comments made by his old friend Rev. Henryk Jankowski last month in Gdansk, Poland (*CJN*, June 29).

"The meeting was inconclusive. We do not feel satisfied," said Rabbi Andrew Baker, the AJC's director for European affairs.

In a sermon attended by Walesa, Rev. Jankowski said the Star of David is "implicated in the swastika as well as the hammer and sickle." He added: "We can no longer tolerate being governed by people who have not declared whether they come from Moscow or Israel," and he urged Poles to "wake up" to "Jewish dangers."

Though Walesa called the incident "shameful" and "nightmarish," Jewish leaders said the president didn't go far enough to allay their fears about an upswing of open anti-Semitism in Poland.

The priest later denied he was an anti-Semite, but at the same time accused Jews of "satanic greed" that led to communism and World War II.

Walesa at first refused to repudiate the remarks and waited until intense pressure from Israeli, American and Polish Jews forced him to respond nine days after the sermon. He then condemned anti-Semitism, but only in general terms.

Before meeting with Jewish leaders at the Veterans War Memorial Building, Walesa also met privately with U.S. President Bill Clinton for about 40 minutes.

Clinton stressed the need for democratic leaders to fight anti-Semitism, an administration official said. Walesa reportedly responded that he had no tolerance for anti-Semitism.

Walesa was not available after the meeting to comment, and Poland's U.S. ambassador, who was also visiting San Francisco, did not return several calls.

"Frankly, we had hoped for more to come out of the meeting," said the AJC's David Harris. "From our point of view, there was a hope we could help President Walesa understand why we were hurt by the whole episode and disappointed in his handling of it."

Nonetheless, Walesa promised the Jewish entourage he will "be available" to deal with future anti-Semitism and conceded he may have handled the situation the "wrong way."

But Rabbi Baker called Walesa's condemnation of anti-Semitism "somewhat disembodied" and added that Walesa still did not adequately explain why he had not confronted the priest's remarks immediately.

Walesa told the Jewish officials he wasn't paying attention to the "long, boring sermon" and that some of the priest's remarks were made to reporters after the sermon. Walesa also told them that he shouldn't be expected to react to every anti-Semitic statement made in Poland, and that a personal statement was unnecessary because Polish Catholic bishops had already condemned it.

"He gave half a dozen explanations that were contradictory," Rabbi Baker said.

Though last Monday's meeting ended without resolution, AJC officials will meet soon with the Polish ambassador to explore ways to improve relations between Poles and Jews and to avoid anti-Semitism within the Polish presidential campaign.

Rabbi Baker added that some good still might come from the publicity that swamped Walesa after this recent incident.

"I don't want to rule out that he didn't learn from this."

IDF document leaked

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The document appeared to back away from Israel's demands that an early warning station be maintained on the Golan and that security and demilitarization arrangements not be equal on both sides of the new border.

It also appears to presume a full Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights as part of a peace agreement with Syria.

Rabin and other officials denied that any of these inferences represented Israel's actual negotiating position in the talks Shahak conducted with Syria's Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Hikmat Shihabi.

Negotiations, which concluded with a meeting with U.S. President Bill Clinton last Thursday, were the first substantive talks between Israel and Syria since December.

Shahak told reporters after his meeting with Clinton and Shihabi there was "no understanding" on any of the central issues.

"But there is understanding on the need for more discussions and for each side to further explain its positions and concepts to the other," he added.

Terming the talks "extraordinary" and "unprecedented," U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the discussions focused on three main topics: early warning systems, confidence-building measures and zones of separation.

Israeli officials said the two sides had agreed in principle on the need for all three elements, but no specifics had been decided.

Reports from Washington said Shihabi had rejected Shahak's proposal for immediate confidence-building measures, such as a hot line between the two army commands and prior notice of military exercises.

The Syrian position is that such advances can come only in the context of an overall agreement.

Israeli sources said the atmosphere was businesslike and cordial throughout the three days of meetings, and that the two sides had exchanged some corridor conversation.

There were no posed handshakes for the official U.S. cameras, and the Syrians refused to admit Israeli camera crews.

Shihabi told Clinton the talks had been "very serious."

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Editor rides the wave of a new medium

Evan Solomon

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — At 27, Toronto-born Evan Solomon is generating waves in the electronic media.

Founding editor of *Shift*, a media lifestyle magazine sold on newsstands across Canada, Solomon also hosts *FutureWorld*, a half-hour show about emerging technologies that airs on CBC NewsWorld Saturdays at 8 a.m., 1 p.m. and 11 p.m.

"This is a tremendously exciting moment we're living in," says the former USDS student who studied English literature and religious studies at McGill.

"We're witnessing the birth of a new medium. For the first time, the information age is penetrating into the popular culture. Our magazine couldn't have existed five years ago."

Solomon and two partners started *Shift* three years ago as a "labor of love," he says. Then he went to Hong Kong to work as a reporter for the *South China Morning Post*. "I really wanted to live in Asia," he explains. "The deal I made with the guys was that if *Shift* was still operating after a year, I'd come home."

Despite a high failure rate among new magazines, *Shift* managed to stay alive. Today it boasts a healthy circulation of 27,000 and a general readership of some 60,000 across Canada. The April/May issue offers features on VJ Sook-Yin Lee of the MuchMusic TV network, outlaw computer hackers and the media's handling of the flesh-eating virus.

Filled with stark computer-age graphics and idiomatic technoprose, *Shift* is geared to people wired into the Internet. "From an age perspective, our primary market consists of people from 22 to 34 years old, and then we skew up. A lot of people are interested in the effects of media on culture," says Solomon.

However, his busy work schedule does not allow him much time to explore cyberspace. "I don't really surf the Internet," he confesses. "I check my e-mail each morning and throughout the day, but I only use the net when it's needed. I don't surf it for pleasure. I don't have time for that, any more than I would run through a library looking for good books."

Solomon has recently helped to establish *Shift Online*, an electronic magazine featuring editorial information and advertisements from corporate sponsors like Molson and Smirnoff. He is also involved in developing a series of *Shift Media Minutes*, 90-second spots for *FutureWorld* "very much like the Heritage minutes you see on TV."

Though absorbed with futuristic technology, Solomon wisely refrains from making predictions about the Internet.

One thing Solomon says is here to stay is e-mail, "a really effective means of communication." He predicts the new technologies will continue to gain ground. "They say that 50 per cent of Canadian homes now have a computer. I think they'll be as ubiquitous as the television. They'll find ways to integrate into our daily lives."

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

New CD for Turofsky: Riki Turofsky, a Toronto-based singer, recently released a new CD, *A River So Long*, which she is marketing independently through the computerized telephone network known as the Internet. According to *Toronto Star* entertainment columnist Sid Adilman, the CD is the first in Canada to ride the information highway.

The daughter of the late sports photographer Lou Turofsky, Riki was an accomplished athlete at Forest Hill Collegiate in Toronto, and later trained as an opera singer, making her operatic debut in 1970. On this latest recording, she applies her highly-perfected soprano voice to the works of John Lennon, Mick Jagger, Dan Fogelberg, Harry Nilsson, Joni Mitchell and Jim Croce.

Within 12 hours of the CD's launch, more than 100 people downloaded the file from the Internet. Those interested can order the CD by phoning 1-800-Joe-Radio.

Study of Anti-Semitism on TVO: *The Longest Hatred*, a three-part British series that explore the historic roots of anti-Semitism, is scheduled for broadcast on TVOntario on July 23 at 10 a.m.

The first part, *From the Cross to the Swastika*, asks the questions, "How did the cross get twisted into a swastika?" and "Was the Holocaust the inevitable outcome of 2,000 years of Christianity?" Issues discussed include the horrors of the crusades, the massacre of Jews at the time of Richard the Lionheart, the church-sanctioned stoning of Jews, and Jewish suffering during the Spanish Inquisition.

The second part, *Enemies of the People*, looks at the frightening resurgence of anti-Semitism in Central and Eastern Europe. Part 3, *Between Moses and Mohammed*, examines the revival of Islam and the Arab-Israeli conflict, and the growth of anti-Semitism and racism in the Middle East.

At the Koffler Gallery: *Minyan*, a new indoor-outdoor sculpture by London, Ont., artist Cyril Reade, constitutes a memorial to the decline of tradition in the community and a personal reflection on the Holocaust. The work consists of 10 abstracted chairs, representing a minyan, and 10 columns of dinner plates stacked on a marble slab. A video playing in the next room shows the continuous smashing of plates. Outside are 10 more chairs.

A new work by Michael Buckland called *6,614,241 reasons to smile*, is also on view. Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St., North York. Until August 4.

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Eye on Arts

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CJN Brings Together Jazz Duo: Toronto-area singer Renee Malamed and pianist Richard Fruchtman met through an advertisement for musical accompaniment that Renee placed in *The Canadian Jewish News* about a year ago. The two have formed a jazz duo that performs at cocktail parties and clubs, including the Uptown Senator, where they played recently.

Malamed, who is from South Africa, says that the duo performs many jazz standards from the 1940s and 1950s by such composers as George Gershwin, Cole Porter and Sammy Kahn.

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Gateway to the Baltics: Finland — part of the Russian Czarist Empire from 1809 to 1917, and controlled by Sweden for 700 years before that — is a younger country than Canada. Its capital, Helsinki, was built as an easterly outpost of the Swedish empire, and later became a western outpost of Russia; both countries recognized the region's military importance to the protection of their respective domains.

Today Helsinki, capital of an independent Finland, is a tidy city with about 500,000 people and much grand and impressive architecture. Situated along Finland's southern coast, at about the same latitude as Whitehorse, Helsinki's distinct Russian look has attracted numerous Hollywood directors shooting films supposedly set in Russia (*Reds*, *White Nights*, *Gorky Park*), in the same way that Toronto is often used cinematically to represent a generic American city.

The stately Senate Square, for example, is dominated by a late-19th-century statue of Czar Alexander II, standing in front of the 56 steps leading up to the landmark Helsinki Cathedral. As if to make the illusion more complete that this was Russian territory, dozens of Russian sailors piled from a tour bus on the morning we visited the square; they were soon taking photographs and rushing up the steps like the excited, happy-go-lucky teenagers that they were.

The red-bricked Uspensky is Helsinki's other major cathedral; while the former, with its weathered green dome and rows of pillars, reflects the classical style common in Western Europe, Uspensky bears the onion domes and mystical swirls of Russian churches to the east.

"In a way, the two cathedrals are a perfect symbol of Helsinki," our guide commented. "Here is where East and West converge."

Another domed building, tucked behind the SAS Radisson Hotel, is Helsinki's only synagogue, Adath Israel, built in 1909 by Jewish formersoldiers from Russia who had been stationed here and decided to stay. Upon request, visitors are shown the interior of the temple, which looks Sephardi in style, with the bimah in the middle of the floor, although it was constructed for an Ashkenazi congregation.

The country's only other synagogue is in Turku, the former capital (before 1917) and the former home of a community of ex-Russian-Jewish soldiers and their families. There are currently about 1,100 Jews in Helsinki, another 400 elsewhere in Finland.

The lively fish market by the harbor, near Uspensky, also sells produce and touristy items such as reindeer pelts, jewelry, ceramics and handmade crafts. Serious shoppers will prefer to stroll along the pleasant, tree-lined esplanade — a good spot for people-watching — and visit the several large department stores located near Mannerheimintu, the main street.

A convenient gateway to the Baltics, Helsinki has a capacious harbor which receives many large passenger ships in transit to international destinations. Like the city itself, the harbor offers more exotic possibilities than you might suppose at first, especially for Jewish heritage travellers.

The picturesque old city of Tallinn, Estonia, is only two hours away across the Gulf of Finland, and a regular ferry service transports travellers to the larger but equally picturesque city of Riga, Latvia. Ships commute frequently to the imperial Russian city of St. Petersburg, to Stockholm, and to various other port cities in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Germany and Poland.

The island fortress of Suomenlinna, in Helsinki harbor, makes a memorable and inexpensive destination for a half-day excursion; take a ferry from the fish market. Preserved as a UNESCO World Heritage site, Suomenlinna is a series of six adjoining, well-treed islands that feature some old military buildings and restored barracks, bunkers and caves, a shipyard, and several small museums including a military museum displaying a Nazi tank and aircraft. There are also a few cafes where visitors may enjoy snacks and drinks in the open air.

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Beamscope Canada Inc.

Firm distributes video games and other software

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

The story Larry Wasser tells about the first product his company distributed, a $99 sheet of Plexiglass that doubled the size of a television screen, is the stuff of company legend.

He founded Beamscope Canada Inc., now a distributor of video games, computers and software for Nintendo, IBM, Hewlett-Packard, Microsoft and dozens of lesser known companies, with the idea of bringing the TV screen magnifier called the Beamscope onto the market.

It was 1982 and Wasser hoped to make some serious money with the Beamscope as the then-new large screen TV systems were selling for $6,000 to $8,000.

"Here was an opportunity for someone to own one for $100, and I just said to myself, 'Simple economics say that the masses can't afford $6,000 to $8,000 and most people have $100. If this works lots of people are going to buy it'," he said.

The Beamscope did work, at least for the one or two people seated directly in front of the TV set. But 10 people couldn't watch the Super Bowl together, Wasser recalled, because most of them would be out of the field of vision and the picture they saw would be distorted.

This limitation prevented him from selling billions of Beamscope, he believes. "If that problem were able to have been solved, there was no limit to how many could have been sold," he said, speaking with his hands and exuding entrepreneurial zeal.

Not one to throw in the towel easily, Wasser managed to sell the Beamscope to several department store chains, but he hadn't hit pay dirt — yet.

For six months in 1982, he ran Beamscope on his own and then was joined by his partner Morey Chaplick, a friend from the days he attended Forest Hill Collegiate.

The big money eluded Wasser, now 39, and Chaplick, 38, until 1986, when they got their first break — a deal to distribute the Nintendo video game in Canada. They were lucky enough to get in on the ground floor of the craze, at a time when hardly anyone had even heard of Nintendo, and the money began rolling in.

"It was an unbelievable sales success story — 1987, 1988, 1989, were unparalleled years. I'd never seen anything like it," said Wasser. "No matter how many pieces of product we got delivered to the warehouse, they were gone the same day. It wasn't selling, it was just order taking."

They knew the Nintendo boom could not last forever, and Wasser and Chaplick set out to diversify, to make sure all their eggs were not in one basket.

Competitors like Sega Genesis and Atari eventually came into the video game market and Nintendo sales began to drop in 1990. But through Nintendo sales Beamscope had built up its network of customers, the anchor being IBM," said Wasser.

The success of the PS/1 attracted other computer companies to the small-office, home-office (SoHo) market. They had been focusing on corporate customers since the '80s and this market was saturated by the early '90s.

In 1993, opportunity knocked at Beamscope's door once again when Hewlett-Packard, a dominant player in the printer business, asked Wasser and Chaplick if they could do for them what they had done for IBM.

Larry Wasser:Founder of Beamscope Canada Inc. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Wasser said, and the company was ready to funnel new products through the system.

In 1990, they struck a deal to distribute IBM's home computer, the PS/1. It was their second major coup. They got into the home computer business just as it was beginning to take off.

"We were able to take the IBM PS/1, which when we started was nowhere in terms of market penetration, and make it the number 1 home computer in Canada, and built up a home office products division with

"We had to say yes because it was a great opportunity," said Wasser. There was one problem, though — money. They needed an infusion of capital to enlarge their Scarborough, Ont., head office and warehouse and to hire staff to handle the dramatic increase in volume that would come with the Hewlett-Packard account.

"In November 1993 we were doing 1,300 orders a day and we were three to five days behind in shipping because we couldn't handle the volume in the critical time of year, which is Christmas," he said.

Beamscope went public on the Toronto Stock Exchange in November 1993, raising $18 million, and invested part of that in advanced computer systems, software and state-of-the-art bar coding. The company's order-taking capacity immediately tripled and they were able to ship the same day.

Issued at $7, Beamscope stock shot up to more than $13 in a year, where it hovers today. A secondary public offering in January 1995 yielded another $14 million. Sales for 1994 rose to $195 million, up 75 per cent from 1993, and profits doubled to $5.3 million.

"People look at it and think I knew this was going to happen all along, and I would like to tell you that I knew, when we were $80 million, that a year and a half later we would be $200 million, but I don't think anybody can have that kind of knowledge," said Wasser.

The SoHo market is far from saturated yet — only about 25 to 30 per cent penetrated, Wasser estimates.

"That number is going to anywhere from 50 to 80 per cent, in terms of household penetration, so there's quite a long way to grow," he said.

Beamscope opened a subsidiary in Chile and is looking for opportunities to expand internationally. They've recently made a video and CD-ROM about how to use the Internet and they intend to manufacture other products in the future, he said.

"We have the capital, we know what makes a product successful, we have a great retail channel, we've got some good supplier partners and some good customers. There's no reason why we can't keep building this thing bigger and bigger."

Wasser said building a business today, a favorite subject of his and one he has spoken on at various functions, may be a daunting task, but it can still be done.

"If you have a good business plan, idea or product and you're prepared to work hard and you believe in it, you can be successful in this country," he said.

Although Beamscope eats up much of Wasser's time, his wife Marla and their children, Justin, 6, and Derek, 4, are the centre of his world.

"My first and foremost passion is my family. That's really what I'm working so hard for is my family," he said. "You couldn't build a business to this size unless you had a terrific support mechanism in place."

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Kipper, Sarah on June 27, 1995, late of 203 Faywood Ave.
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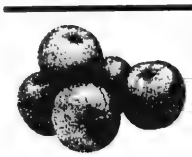

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Civil strife feared

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — A rabbinic ruling forbidding soldiers to evacuate army bases or settlements in the West Bank has sparked a political storm and fueled fears of a deepening split in the nation.

The halachic decision by a group of prominent rabbis including former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira ruled that "there is a Torah prohibition against uprooting Israel Defence Forces [IDF] bases and transferring the sites to gentiles, since this contravenes a positive [Torah] commandment and also endangers life and the existence of the state ... Therefore ... any Jew is forbidden from taking part in any act that will bring about the evacuation of a settlement, a base or a [military] installation."

Last week's controversial ruling comes on the eve of the IDF's planned evacuation of several bases in the West Bank as the government prepares to implement Stage 2 of the Oslo accord, which will extend Palestinian self-rule to these areas.

The decision by the international Rabbinic Forum for Israel raises the spectre of religious soldiers resisting orders to evacuate bases and could signal the start of a civil revolt, say some observers.

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Some 20,000 Israelis who live close to the West Bank demonstrated recently against the government's plan to redeploy troops from Palestinian towns, claiming such redeployment would endanger communities such as Kfar Saba. *[RNS photo]*

Auschwitz photos mystery solved

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — "That's me," exclaimed Jennie Lipson, 86, a resident of Terrace Gardens as she looked at a photograph on the front page of the July 6 *CJN*.

In the picture, which accompanied a story called Auschwitz Photos a Mystery, Jennie is a young mother holding her daughter. She had sent the photograph to her parents in Poland almost 60 years ago.

A car in the background with a 1936 Ontario license plate led researchers at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C. to contact *The CJN*. They hoped to identify the people shown in a bundle of 16 photos found in Auschwitz in January 1945 in a suitcase containing 2,426 personal photos.

The photographs had been confiscated by the Germans and held at the National Museum of Auschwitz-Birkenau, seen only by a handful of survivors and researchers. Recently, they were brought to Washington for duplication and archival cataloguing and will become part of an exhibition at the Memorial Museum there.

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Jennie Lipson (seated) and her children Edith Friedman and Martin Lipson are the family whose photographs were confiscated by the Nazis from Jennie's parents almost 60 years ago in Auschwitz. *[Ron Csillag Photo]*

Saidye Bronfman: in memoriam

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Saidye Bronfman, matriarch, humanitarian, benefactor, community pioneer and patron of the arts, died at home in her sleep on July 6. She was 98.

The tributes at her funeral revealed her as an individual with a lot of spunk, not afraid to speak her mind, who as a young woman described herself as "the devil in the family."

A sense of that individual, the girl from the Manitoba village of Plum Coulee, who won the heart of the man who was building the Seagram whisky empire, and would rear one of the continent's best-known families, came through clearly.

The funeral was held in the theatre of the Saidye Bronfman Centre (SBC), the cultural institution attached to the YM-YWHA that was built by Bronfman's four children in honor of her 70th birthday.

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CANADA

Clothes for Victims

MONTREAL — This city's Jewish community has collected dozens of bags of clothes for the victims of this month's massive forest fire in Israel, the country's worst ever.

At least 30 families were left homeless by the blaze.

Clothes are being collected indefinitely and may be dropped off at the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

No similar drive is taking place in Toronto.

Gay Jewish Parley

TORONTO — Canadians are preparing for the 14th International Conference of Gay and Lesbian Jews, to take place July 27 to 30 in New York City.

Seminars and social events are planned. Issues to be explored will be Jewish rituals, coming out, gay and lesbian activism and living with AIDS and HIV.

Israeli MK Yael Dayan will deliver a keynote address.

Hundreds of people from 40 countries are expected to attend.

For details, call 212-929-9498.

Order of Canada

OTTAWA — The names of two Jewish Canadians appointed recently to the Order of Canada were omitted in a July 6 *CJN* brief.

Named as Officers, the Order's second highest rank, were Carl Goresky of Montreal in science, and Ronald Melzack, also of Montreal, for his work in health care.

ISRAEL

Netanyahu Ahead

JERUSALEM — Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu outpolled Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in a July 3 Gallup survey.

In the race for prime minister, Netanyahu was prefered by 44.5 per cent of respondents and Rabin by 37.1 per cent. The rest were undecided. Over 500 Israelis were polled. The margin of error is four per cent.

Peres, Netanyahu Agree

JERUSALEM — In a rare show of unity, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu both came out strongly against civil disobedience by Jewish settlers.

"Anyone who says the law must be broken does not belong in a country which abides by the rule of law," Peres said last week.

Said Netanyahu: "There's no room for rebellion [or] civil war. What [the settlers] must do, difficult as it is, is to adhere strictly to the rule of law. I recommend waging a responsible, legal, political struggle."

Water, Water ...

JERUSALEM — The Palestinians will not be allowed to divert Israel's water supplies from aquifers in the territories.

Instead the Palestinian Authority will be allowed to drill for water in the eastern part of the territories, government sources said last week.

WZO Emissary Killed

TEL AVIV — A Mexican man has confessed to last week's murder of a World Zionist Organization (WZO) emissary in Mexico City.

Jose Sanchez confessed to killing Shlomo Biran, 59, during an argument in Biran's apartment.

This is the second murder of a WZO emissary this year. In March, Shimon Feingold, 49, was killed during a fight with drunken neighbors in Kiev, Ukraine.

WORLD

Rifkind Appointment

LONDON — Parliamentary supporters of Israel have welcomed the appointment of Malcolm Rifkind as Britain's new foreign secretary.

Rifkind, who succeeds Douglas Hurd, becomes the first Jew to hold the post since Lord Rufus Daniel Isaacs, in Ramsay MacDonald's national government of 1931. Rifkind had been defence secretary for three years.

New Rabbi

BUCHAREST — The same night last month that Romania's Jewish community marked the first yahrzeit of its late Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen, a new chief rabbi for Bucharest was elected.

Eventually, Rabbi Yehezkel Mark will serve as the chief rabbi for the entire nation.

Rabbi Mark was born in 1928 in Bascesti-Roman, Romania, and illegally immigrated to Israel. He also spent many years in South Africa.

German Anti-Semitism

BONN — Anti-Semitic offenses in 1994 in Germany more than doubled over the previous year, according to an annual audit.

In 1994, authorities recorded 1,366 anti-Semitic incidents, the report said. The year before, 656 were recorded.

The rise in numbers applied to non-violent anti-Semitic activities, such as racist propaganda, insults and property damage.

By contrast, violent anti-Semitic acts dropped from 72 cases in 1993 to 41 in 1994.

Deportations Marked

BUDAPEST — Hungarian and world Jewish leaders recently commemorated the 51st anniversary of the deportations of Hungarian Jews during World War II.

No one representing the Hungarian government attended the main July 2 ceremony at the Dohany Street Synagogue in Budapest.

Tasmanian Synagogue

SYDNEY — Australia's oldest continually functioning synagogue, located on the island of Tasmania, recently marked its 150th anniversary.

A series of lectures and concerts marked the anniversary of the Hobart Synagogue in Tasmania's capital. About 250 Jews live on the island, south of Australia.

Today, the synagogue conducts Orthodox and Reform services. It opened in 1845 and still contains the "penal pews" for convicts who were banished to Australia.

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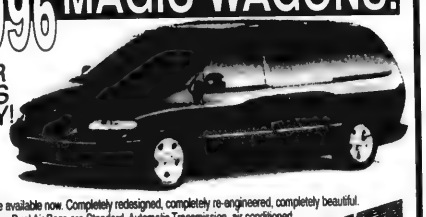

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Reward offered for information on vandalism

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

This is a portion of the flyer prepared by Canadian Jewish Congress and distributed to 2,400 households in the area around the Shaarei Tzedec Synagogue.

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress is taking a novel approach in a bid to uncover the vandals who spray-painted two swastikas on the front doors of a downtown Toronto synagogue.

Congress has asked Canada Post to circulate a one-page flyer that offers a $5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for desecrating the Shaarei Tzedec Synagogue, located at Markham and Ulster in the city's Annex neighborhood.

The flyer will reach an estimated 2,400 homes in a two-kilomtere radius around the shul, said Moshe Ronen, chair of Congress' Ontario region.

It enlarges on Congress' past practice of offering rewards for information about such hate crimes, Ronen said. The innovation this time is to pay to have the flyer delivered in the mail in the area around the synagogue.

In 1989, a $5,000 reward led to the arrest and conviction of Zvonimir Lelas for desecrating the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Lelas eventually received a one-year jail sentence.

The Shaarei Tzedec desecration took place on July 7, between 8:30 and 11:30 p.m., said Leondar Shushan, a regular attendee at the shul. He said people in the synagogue at the time were unaware of the vandalism.

Jeffrey Phillips, acting sexton of the synagogue, said members reacted with "disgust and shock. At the same time, they were not that surprised. We know what kind of neighborhood we're in. There are lots of skinheads in the area."

(About one year ago, a massive street brawl involving anti-racists and members of the white supremacist Heritage Front broke out around College and Bathurst, about one kilometre from the shul.)

Phillips said police responded quickly when informed of the vandalism and appeared to be "extremely concerned. They took it very seriously."

Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall condemned the desecration, saying "all residents of Toronto should be angered and hurt by this. It is aimed at instilling fear in the Jewish community. History has shown us that Nazis and people who hate disrespect the rights of all groups. Their hatred and activities are a threat to us all."

Ronen said "distribution of the reward flyer is another step in demonstrating our committment to protecting our community."

Congress is also discussing security precautions with other synagogues, such as installing outdoor lighting, which seems to deter such incidents, he said.

Ronen said that if an arrest is made, Congress would press Attorney General Charles Harnick "to deal with it in the strictest way possible." Congress will urge Harnick to seek an enhanced sentence because it is a hate-motivated crime.

The Shaarei Tzedec is one of Toronto's oldest synagogues, tracing its roots back 100 years. Originally located on Centre Avenue, near Dundas and University, it moved to its current location in 1937, said Dr. Joe Greenberg, president of the shul.

"It's unique. It has a sense of sweetness and generosity ... Everyone is totally welcome ... It's really a little jewel in a quiet community. It's a house of peace, a contrast to the message of hate painted on the doors," he said.

Shul marks 75th anniversary

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — "The moment I stepped inside I felt as if I were back in my zayde's little shul on Augusta Avenue," Dr. Jack Gryfe of the Toronto Historical Board said at the 75th anniversary rededication of the Beach Hebrew Institute.

The shul on Kenilworth Avenue near Kew Beach was designated a historical building in 1982.

It was founded in an area remote from the mainstream Jewish community to meet the needs of local business people and their families, as well as of cottagers who summered near the lake.

The neighborhood environment was not always comfortable. Ed Brickman, whose father operated Globe Cleaning on Queen Street, recalls the '30s, when young louts with swastika armbands strutted the sidewalks or "hung out" at a certain cigar store.

But the congregation carried on and Brickman's mother collected $500 for the shul, with money left over to paint the interior. In the '80s he says, she raised $15,000 for a Torah scroll.

There have been challenges — a decreasing congregation, financial problems, even a flood, but Sam Tanenbaum, who with shul president Arie Nerman, conducts regular services, notes, "In every generation someone is here."

On the day of the rededication service and Torah walk, the synagogue was alive with members and friends. As the procession wound down Kenilworth Avenue toward the lakefront — men, women and children singing the joyous *Siman Tov u'Mazal Tov* — residents emerged from their houses. They didn't stare or appear indifferent but seemed somehow to be in harmony; a few men tipped their caps.

Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall said a film crew who had been recording the proceedings planned use this segment as a happy conclusion to a documentary on the infamous Christie Pits Riots.

As he outlined the evolution of the Beach Hebrew Institute, Nerman said, "We are here and we are here to stay!"

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Judith Dan remembered for concern for others

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Judith Dan

TORONTO — Judith Dan, wife of noted philanthropist Leslie Dan, chair and CEO of Novopharm, died July 7 of a massive heart attack. She was 61.

An artist of some note, Dan's work hangs at Temple Emanu-El and in the Novopharm offices.

Born in Stonewall, Manitoba, she graduated from the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg as an interior designer.

Diagnosed with juvenile diabetes at the age of 18, she lived an active and creative life in spite of her increasing physical frailty.

At her funeral, Dan was praised for her modesty, optimism, determination, tolerance and concern for others, rich or poor.

Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld recalled that she was "always creating, studying, writing poetry or taking art courses."

He noted that she shared her husband Leslie's "passion for tzedakah. She was always there suggesting, encouraging, rejoicing in the mitzvah of giving."

In a story which is already becoming almost legendary, Rabbi Ephraim Shore of Aish HaTorah told *The CJN* that Dan refused to allow them to cancel the formal opening celebrations for the new Aish HaTorah world centre in Jerusalem last fall, even though she was in a wheelchair because of a broken hip.

When she could not navigate all the steps, a construction crane swooped down, picked her up, wheelchair and all, and deposited her in a place of honor.

She and her husband studied together regularly, Rabbi Shore said. "She was a great lady — a kind, gentle woman."

One of Dan's interests in her last few years was She'arim Hebrew Day School. Taking a tour of the school before the couple were honored at an annual brunch, she was captivated by some students working in the arts integration program.

Judy Spetter, head of that program, said, "She just sat down and started working with the kids, doing telephone wire sculpture."

She donated weaving and other materials for the arts program and "saw how the arts play a role in healing and growth — especially in a school."

Worldly goods and material possessions didn't impress her, Spetter said. Sincerity and simplicity did.

Dan was in the process of setting to music a book of poems she had written and distributed to selected friends.

Besides Leslie, her husband of 37 years, she is survived by children Michael and Camille, Aubrey and Marla, and Andrea and Stuart Hytman; brother and sister-in-law Paul and Nell Henteleff and six grandchildren.

U of T names Fellow

Dr. Gregg Stern

TORONTO — Dr. Gregg Stern, an historian of Jewish culture, has been appointed the Ray D. Wolfe Fellow at the University of Toronto for the academic year 1995-6.

Stern's research focuses on the intellectual and spiritual life of medieval southern French Jewry — a community that flourished from the 12th to the 14th centuries and possessed a distinct and independent self-image. Documents indicating a high level of literacy in that community have only come to light quite recently.

Stern received his PhD from Harvard in 1995 and is currently a Fulbright Research Fellow in the Department of Talmud at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

He is working on a book about southern French Jewish culture before a decisive, although temporary expulsion in 1306, and about the representative role within it of the community's greatest halachist, Rav Menachem ha-Meiri of Perpignan.

At the University of Toronto, Stern will teach a course on the Jews of Medieval Spain and give a seminar on the Controversy over Philosophic Study in Languedoc at the turn of the 13th century.

He comes to Toronto with his wife, Naava Frank, a student of adolescent development and Jewish identity.

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Ashkenaz, a celebration

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Ashkenaz was an event like no other in Toronto's history.

Harbourfront rocked to the sounds of Klezmer music and thousands of people poured into the park by the lake to celebrate.

"This is an incredible Yiddish culture which is being reborn," said artistic director David Buchbinder, the musician whose vision Ashkenaz became, at a standing-room only opening gala.

The next days bore out the reality that young and old musicians, singers, dancers, actors and storytellers have found inspiration in the Eastern European Yiddish culture. Skeptics needed only to see the throngs of young people clapping their hands and tapping their feet to music which Buchbinder described as "ecstatic communion between people."

A dozen or more klezmer bands from Europe, the United States and Canada, bearing instruments never seen here before, demonstrated that they can improvise like mad on this traditional Yiddish music. Leading the way was saxaphonist John Zorn, the New York jazz virtuoso, whose two public concerts at the Du Maurier Theatre were sell-outs.

"We're celebrating the failure of the Nazis to destroy our culture and Ashkenaz is tangible proof that we need not fear celebrating our culture in public," Ontario Deputy Solicitor General Elaine Todres told the gala.

How right she was! Despite some overcast skies and a little rain, thousands made their way from one performing space to another to see and hear 140 artists. The compact Harbourfront site was perfect, for it allowed the audience to flow back and forth, stopping here and there for refreshments and to shmooze. *Oy a michiyeh!*

"Ashkenaz could not have happened without Harbourfront," said Buchbinder.

I could not possibly attend all the events and at the risk of overlooking the favorite artists of other Ashkenaz fanatics, this reviewer found the lyrics and style of vocalist Michael Alpert and his New York-based Brave Old World klezmer group a satisfying blend of new and old Yiddish culture. Their song, *When the Czar eats potatoes* evoked the humor that flourishes among Jews in the midst of oppression.

Theatre artist Sara Felder of San Francisco, a comedian, juggler and storyteller ("When I juggle the torches don't go out for eight days"), appealed for a different reason. She sang and spoke openly as a lesbian. With a globe spinning delicately up and down her arms, she told how she broke the news of her marriage to her family: "The bad news is that my partner has no greater income potential than mine, and the good news is that she's Jewish."

The towering talent of singer Adrienne Cooper, who has appeared in Toronto before, was discusssed where Ashkenazics gathered to talk. Her recital at Molson Place was a triumph.

For those 250 or so lucky enough to find seats in the Studio Theatre for its one performance, the 19-member Yiddish Theatre troupe from Montreal's Saidye Bronfman Centre was the highlight of the week. Director Dora Wasserman is a genius at mining the broad immigrant humor of our parents. If only she had a twin with as much talent to satisfy the deep yearning in Toronto for such fare on a regular basis.

Congratulations to Buchbinder and his team of Bruce Rosensweet, Judith Cardozo and Dianne Weinrib, and their magnificent support staff.

Toronto briefed on *Davar* bailout

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — *Davar*, the first daily of the Labor Zionist movement, has been given a new lease on life.

Threatened by bankruptcy, *Davar* has been rescued by the Histadrut labor federation, says its executive editor, Daniel Bloch.

The aid package, valued at millions of dollars, comes at a high price — the sacking of more than half its staff.

Published in Tel Aviv, *Davar* was founded in 1925, making it the second-oldest daily in Israel after *Ha'aretz* (1919). Two of its editors, Zalman Rubashov (Shazar) and Moshe Shertok (Sharett), went on to serve as president and prime minister of Israel, respectively.

Until the late 1950s, *Davar* was one of Israel's leading newspapers, with a daily circulation of 50,000. But as readers tired of a daily inextricably connected with the Labor party, readership declined to 10,000 and the paper reported annual losses of $3 to $4 million (US) in recent years.

As a result of the red ink, rumors surfaced that *Davar* would close.

Under the recently announced rescue plan, *Davar* will shut its existing printing plant and use the presses of *Al-Hamishmar*, the left-wing daily which floundered earlier this year.

In addition, the Histadrut will cover *Davar's* past debts of about $2.5 million and come up with a $4-million severance package for 90 laid-off workers. Eventually, the staff will be reduced to 80 employees from a high of 300 some years ago.

Finally, the Histadrut will pump $4 million into *Davar* over the next four years and ultimately sever its official links with the publication, said Bloch, who was in Toronto to brief Canadian labor leaders on the Middle East peace process. His trip was sponsored by the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

In the future, management hopes that the ownership of *Davar* will be evenly divided between workers and private investors, and that the circulation can be raised to 25,000.

Bloch, the former president of the National Federation of Israeli Journalists, is not certain whether the assistance package will render *Davar* solvent.

In his view, the quality of journalism in Israel has declined because editors today are more interested in sensation.

In general, Bloch opposes censorship. "But as we move from a state of war to peace, there is less need for it."

The liberal editorial line will remain the same. *Davar* will continue to support the government's thrust toward peace and its economic and social policies.

Bloch believes that most foreign correspondents based in Israel are "quite fair, though you'll find some anti-Israel reporters."

It is too early to write off the Labor party's chances of winning reelection in 1996. As he put it: "A lot will depend on the peace process and the internal security situation."

Correction

Under the photo of Charles Harnick being sworn in as Attorney General of Ontario (*CJN* July 6), we inadvertently misidentified the secretary of Ontario's cabinet as Sylvia Burak. The secretary of cabinet is Rita Burak.

The CJN apologizes for the error.

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Mikvah opened by Reform in Thornhill

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The newly opened Reform mikvah in Thornhill requires 200 ten-pound blocks of ice, providing the *mayim chayim* (natural waters) to observe halachic standards.

A Mississauga ice company made a production line change so that the 200 blocks came off unbagged, so no wrapping would make the melted water unpure, Rabbi Daniel Komito-Gottlieb said recently at the dedication of the Thornhill Community Mikvah at the Canadian Centre for Reform Judaism on Atkinson Avenue in the Bathurst-Clark area.

The small holding tank for the melted ice water, the cistern where the natural water and tap water are mixed, and the spanking new mikvah with its broad, walk-in stairs and four-and- one-half foot depth were shown to guests by Rabbi Gottlieb, its designer. He explained that the water from the cistern "kisses" the mikvah water via a pipe, as required.

He presented a hand-written certificate from Orthodox Rabbi Charles Rosensweig of Detroit, attesting to its halachic standards, to Jeffrey Dermer, Toronto Reform Council president.

Three cloth-covered baffles in the room adjoining the mikvah are a special feature protecting a woman's privacy while the male rabbi can hear the sound of a woman's immersion and her recital of the required bracha in a conversion.

Though 50-60 women converting to Judaism used the mikvah recently in a 10-day period at the end of special courses in Reform temples, at the moment it is used regularly by only two to three people a week, Rabbi Gottlieb said. However, he expects the number of mikvah users will grow quickly. Opened in March, its clients have included people from Winnipeg, central Ontario and Eastern Canada.

The Reform community in greater Toronto must have its own mikvah, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein told the dedication guests, describing her own "spiritual transformation" following immersion before her ordination and before her marriage.

The need for a mikvah became crucial when one formerly used for Reform conversions on Sheppard Avenue was no longer available for that purpose, "for political reasons," she said. A commmunity mikvah in the Terrace nursing home at Bathurst-Wilson is open to Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform adherents, but the new mikvah in Thornhill is also needed, because of its location.

Besides its importance for conversions, the mikvah can be used for other purposes as well, such as by brides and grooms and by men to deal with their emotional crises, she said.

Annual membership fees are $100 ($50 for students), while one-time users are asked to make a donation or pay a fee in increments of $18, according to Brenda Saunders, the mikvah supervisor.

A manual is sent out detailing the preparation for immersion. A woman must wear no makeup, jewelry or nail polish, Saunders said.

Though located in Thornhill, it is open to the whole community. (For information, 905-709-1898.)

Agency funding constant

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With some exceptions, United Way dollars destined for Jewish agencies in Metro Toronto this year will remain more or less the same as in 1994.

This year's funding formula for Jewish organizations provides more evidence that the ravages of the recession have not quite healed. Before the economy turned sour, Jewish agencies received yearly increases from the United Way of between five and 10 per cent.

The United Way will distribute $41.8 million to over 250 charities this year, based on a record-breaking 1994 campaign of $49 million, it announced late last month.

Eleven Jewish agencies will split $3 million in United Way funding for 1995, up just slightly from a year ago.

- The third largest recipient of United Way dollars — Jewish Family and Child Service — will receive just over $1.34 million, the same amount as last year.
- Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) will get $40,000 more than last year, putting its allocation at $437,916. The extra money is a one-time grant to help JVS develop special computer software to help retrain clients.
- The Baycrest Centre will get $370,079, down $10,000 from a year ago and the third decrease in as many years. Baycrest is in for two more $10,000 cuts over the next two years because it agreed to a reduction in funding over five years in order to help other agencies. But according to spokesperson Jennifer Schipper, the centre hasn't been hurt by the cuts because the United Way allows donors to target contributions specifically to Baycrest.
- The Bathurst Jewish Centre will receive $369,696 this year. Together with the allocation to the Bloor Jewish Community Centre — $92,424 — the figure is the same as the grant last year and the year before to the now-defunct Jewish Community Centre.
- The Bernard Betel Centre will get the same amount as last year, $143,080.
- The allocation to Senior Care, which recently announced plans to merge with Baycrest, is unchanged at $108,981.
- An increase of $6,000 will go to Toronto Jewish Free Loan Cassa, putting its total grant at just over $50,000.
- The social planning committee at Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto will receive $45,701, the same amount as in 1994 but half of what it got three years ago.
- Bikur Cholim will receive a one-time renewable grant of $22,000, up from last year's $19,000. The volunteer organization is not a United Way member agency but receives annual grants.
- The Jewish Camp Council's allocation this year will be $18,168, the same as last year.

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Christian group targets Jewish kids for conversion

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Christian organization's recent call to target Jewish children for conversion is "shocking" and "disgusting," charges Jews for Judaism, the counter-missionary group.

Jews for Judaism says Chosen People Ministries (CPM), a so-called Hebrew-Christian group that operates in six countries, is trying to lure Jewish children to evangelical Christianity.

A recent CPM newsletter mailed to Canadian supporters makes no bones about evangelizing to "impressionable" Jewish children in order to persuade them to accept Jesus as messiah, says Jews for Judaism director Julius Ciss.

The newsletter urges supporters to "reach Jewish boys and girls" through Shabbat "schools" (sic); neighborhood Bible clubs, summer camps, evangelical literature, training youth workers in the former Soviet republics and bar and bat mitzvahs.

"Reach Jewish Children for Jesus," it exhorts. "Often, it is easier for Jewish people to accept the truth about our Messiah while they're young than at any other time in their lives. In fact, 85 per cent of believers accept Christ before the age of 18.

"Today, young Jewish people are searching for answers as never before. They're open to the Good News of the Messiah, if only we can deliver it to them in a way they will hear and understand," the mailing states.

Targeting Jewish kids for conversion is "unethical and utterly contemptible," an angry Ciss told *The CJN*.

"Children are often incapable of appreciating the issues involved. They're also highly suggestible and trusting. That sets the stage for flagrant abuse."

The latest salvo, he adds, shatters the myth that evangelical Christian groups proselytize adults only.

Larry Rich, Canadian director of CPM, told *The CJN* that it's not his organization's policy to target Jewish children without their parents' consent.

"We include the whole family. We don't want to appear to be evangelizing to children without the support of the whole family."

But, he added, "children need a new life in the messiah, Yeshua (Jesus). Our purpose is to share with Jewish people and others the message of the messiah."

It's CPM's written policy, Rich noted, "not to permit children under 18 to come [to services or programs] without parental permission."

According to Ciss, CPM is the second largest Christian missionary organization operating in Canada (after Jews for Jesus), with a global budget of over $7 million.

The flip side of the coin is reported in the summer issue of B'nai B'rith International's *Jewish Monthly*. In an article entitled Praying on the Elderly, the magazine describes aggressive and often successful new efforts by messianic groups in Florida to attract older Jews to Jesus.

Play angers Markham Jewish residents

MARKHAM — Some Jewish residents of this Toronto suburb are still steaming over what they say was a misleading play staged by a Christian group.

Flyers advertising *Toymaker & Son* were posted last month around the Bayview Avenue and John Street area, which has a sizeable Jewish population.

The play was touted as "an epic story of the most powerful rebellion in history ... The greatest love story in the universe and the most daring rescue plan ever conceived." It was hosted by the Thornhill Vineyard and staged four times in Markham parks late last month and on July 1.

But the posters did not say the Thornhill Vineyard is a branch of The Vineyard, a Pentecostal Christian movement founded in 1974, whose followers have been known to whoop, laugh, bark and bray while entranced in prayer.

Those who attended quickly discovered the story was an allegory for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

"At first I had a mild burn. Then I got more and more angry," Braeburn Drive resident Neil Morris told *The CJN*. "I left as soon as I realized what it was about. It was so deceitful."

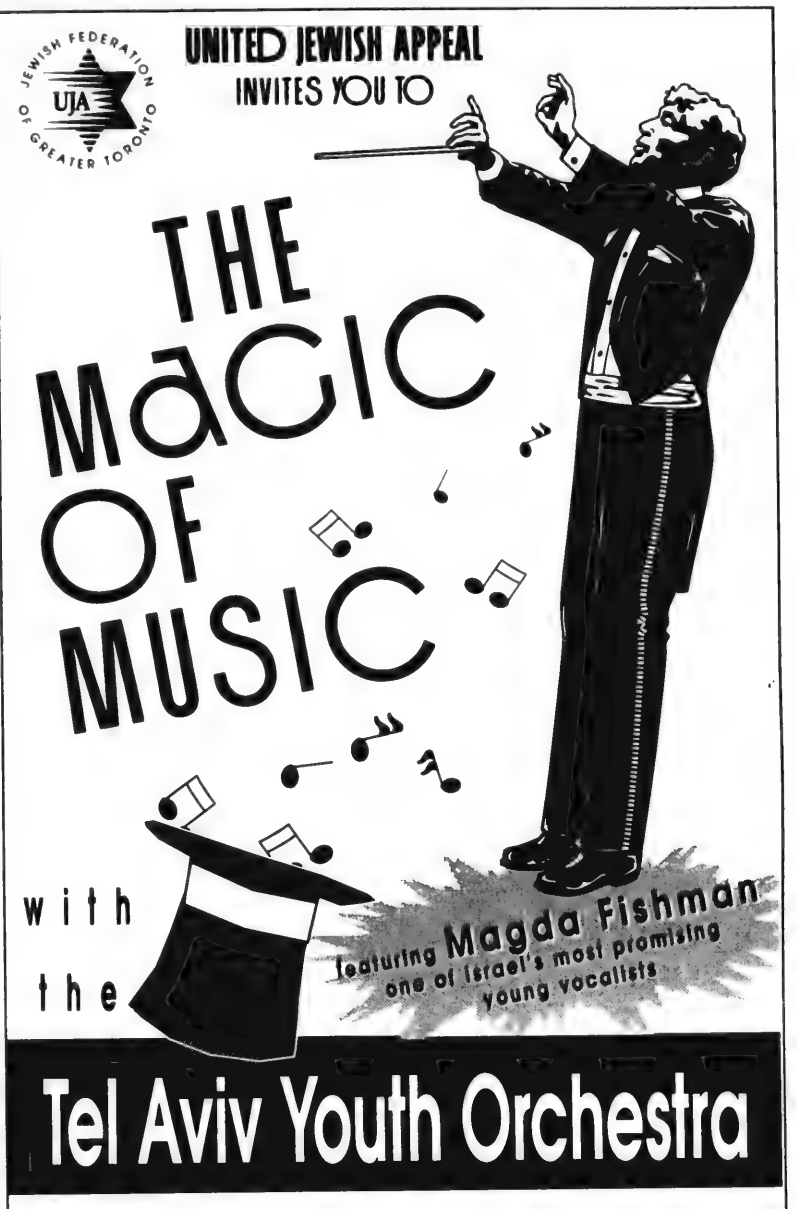
Morris, who attended a June 23 showing of the play in Windy Hill Park, said most of the audience of about 50 were children, attracted by the play's title. He said many of his Jewish neighbors are upset too.

The Thornhill Vineyard's pastor, Dale Bolton, was unavailable for comment last week. — R.C.

Correction

The article "Jewish high school to open in Ottawa" (*CJN* June 29), should have explained that although this will be the first co-ed Jewish high school, the city does offer secondary education at three yeshivot: Ottawa Torah Institute for boys, Mahon Sarah for girls and Mesiftah Chabad, a Lubavitch school for boys.

The CJN regrets that the article may have left the impression that Ottawa had no high schools for Jewish students.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What to jettison

At the gathering last month in Jerusalem of the World Zionist Organization, Jewish Agency chair Avraham Burg unveiled a forward-looking program of intercommunal development for Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora entitled Brit Am. Included in the program were ideas for the improvement of the educational system in Israel.

In particular, Burg suggested that the Israeli school curriculum contain the study of Judaism, its historical development, its holidays, the prayer book and classic Jewish texts, foremost among them but not exclusively, the Mishna and the Gemara. He reasoned that only a curriculum which teaches, to some extent at least, a sense of Jewishness, can staunch the increasing flow of Israeli youth away from the values and traditions of their forebears.

Veteran Israeli commentator Yosef Goell reacted angrily to Burg's suggestions. Writing in the *Jerusalem Post* (July 4), Goell termed Burg's ideas "nothing less than off the wall." He rejected them entirely. Goell did concede that there are many signs of spiritual crisis among Israeli youth but denied that the crisis had anything to do with a sense of alienation from the Jewish people or from being Jewish. He did not, however, suggest alternate reasons for their alienation. Instead, with a clear, unambiguous wave of his hand, he dismissed Judaism as "an ancient civilization" whose values contain some "treasured nuggets but [are] also chock-full of irrelevant, alte shmattes ... Seeking to apply the values of such an ancient civilization to the needs of modern Jewish society requires a large measure of selectivity. Much should be jettisoned."

It is wholly inappropriate for Diaspora dwellers to prescribe formulae for the education of Israelis in Israel. We do not presume to do so. But no less is it inappropriate for Goell to prescribe the dispatch of "much" of the values of "an ancient civilization." That he does, so cavalierly, is evidence of the very alienation of which Burg spoke. It is an alienation of a growing segment of a people from its religion, traditions and heritage. More ominously, it is also evidence of an alienation of a growing segment of a people from many of their fellow Jews.

If anything is to be jettisoned it should be inflexible, intolerant, inhospitable attitudes — the attitudes of those individuals who neither understand nor care to understand the beauty and the importance of being Jewish, as well as of those individuals whose behavior has helped lead the former to a view of Judaism as nothing more than an ancient civilization.

More than a veneer

As of this writing, the Serbian forces from Bosnia are poised to overtake the city of Zepa, declared by the UN to be a "safe haven" for its Muslim population. Having already captured the safe haven of Srebrenica, they seem to be on an inexorable march of killing, pillage and expulsion.

Scores of thousands of human beings, almost all Bosnian Muslims, have been driven from their homes. Families have been divided. Men have been taken away. Up to 20,000 people are reported missing. Reports of rape and killing by the advancing Serbian army fill the airwaves and the pages of communiques.

In the summertime of 1995, 50 years after World War II, 47 years after the passage of the International Declaration of Human Rights, and less than five years before the change in millennium, the reports and the scenes of such deliberate victimization and humiliation of fellow human beings seem hardly possible.

Though the march seems inexorable to the Bosnian Serbs, it need be neither inexorable nor irreversible.

In this 50th year since the founding of the UN, Canada must urge its fellow western nations and the full UN membership to uphold international law and order by resisting the murderous bullying by the Bosnian Serbs.

International law is civilization's instrument. And civilization must be more than a thin veneer, a mere patina of decency which falls aside at the first opportunity to settle old scores.

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Hecht says CJC Plenary caused schism

I read a statement in *The CJN* of June 29 wherein the president of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) is quoted as having said, when referring to the bylaws of Congress: "... an honor system ... They were never abused before." The president of Congress obviously would not accuse herself of having abused the system and therefore, by direct inference, has accused me and/or my associates of such abuse.

This accusation, together with earlier attempts at character assassination promoted in the media, were and are indeed reprehensible and condemnable. They contribute to the deep schism and malaise in the community created by the CJC Plenary, of which the present president of Congress was the chair until the very last day when nomination papers had to be filed.

To further quote the president: "I think we have to go forward," therefore, without looking at the past. Such a statement would indeed exonerate those whose very comportment is being put into question by large numbers of leaders and others in the Montreal and Canadian Jewish community.

Sen. E. Leo Kolber could not be processed to vote; Prof. Irwin Cotler, a former president of CJC, had to wait six hours to be accredited; and Eva Chaith, a 90-year-old grande dame of Canadian Jewry, waited for four hours and paid her delegate fee twice to be accredited. Scores of further examples of similar events have caused key community leaders to conclude that it was an organized pattern to disenfranchise certain voters and organizations.

I believe it would be appropriate if the respected Judge Herbert Marx indeed took into account the depositions of significant numbers of leaders and community members-at-large in the investigation not only of the by-laws of Congress, but of the processes which led to this year's CJC Plenary. It would not be inappropriate to request and to suggest that Judge Marx's mandate be determined by Jewish communal institutions who are independent of Congress, since it would indeed be a grave error of prudence and judgment if Congress were permitted to establish terms of reference in an investigation of itself.

Thomas O. Hecht
Montreal

Objects to reference to Christian groups

In her column (June 22, 1995), which ironically is supposed to be against hate literature, Jean Gerber states "that we no longer pander to right-wing Christian groups who appear to support Israel."

This is outrageous.

Could you imagine our reaction to a newspaper that wrote "that we no longer pander to left-wing Jewish groups who appear to support Canada."

Ms. Gerber is slandering a moral, decent group of people who have never harmed anyone. Their love of humanity, including Israel and the Jewish people, is based on their belief in the bible.

Gordon Urbach
Toronto

More on Buber

Re your editorial, June 15 on Martin Buber.

Though born in Vienna, then the capital of the Hapsburg Empire with Kaiser Franz Joseph at its helm, Buber's early childhood and youth were spent in Brody Galicia, with grandfather, Shlomo. Thus the road to Berlin was a circuitous one and spiritually and intellectually a very important one as to who he was to become subsequently. That ambiance shaped and imbued him.

Galicia under Austrian rule was the most liberally governed province in Poland. Under Governor Franz Stadion, slavery was abolished in 1848, earlier than in the United States and Russia (1861). The Shtetl of Brody after 1779 had flourishing private Jewish banking. It was connected by rail to Lemberg (Lvov), the Capital of Galicia, and to Berlin and Vienna.

The impulses of the Haskalah generated by Moses Mendelsohn found fertile ground in Nachman Krochmal. Born in Brody, Krochmal is considered the prince of Galician Haskalah, and in 1851 Leopold Zunz posthumously published Krochmal's lifetime intellectual oeuvre, *Guide to the Perplexed of the Time*. It is considered a worthy successor to the Maimonides model.

Elsa Silber
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Vatican should defrock Polish priest

No amount of education nor anti-hate laws will ever rid the world of all anti-Semitism, but it should be a given that in 1995, you would not hear from a man of the cloth the poisonous venom uttered by Polish Roman Catholic priest Henryk Jankowski.

The statement by Polish President Lech Walesa stating that all symptoms of anti-Semitism both in Poland and anywhere else in the world should be universally condemned is too little and too late. Political considerations aside, it is a sad reflection on the Polish electorate that it would be offended by having the president denounce Father Jankowski's words that Jews have a satanic greed which is responsible for communism in World War II, and that the Star of David is associated with the symbols of the swastika as well as the hammer and sickle.

The apology by the Commission on Catholic and Jewish Dialogue of the Polish Episcopate is mere tokenism. The Vatican should immediately defrock Father Jankowski and the Pope should issue an unqualified condemnation.

Bert Raphael
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JVS found the right person

I have just completed the pleasant experience of working with a Jewish agency in a search for part-time help. We needed a holiday fill-in, and I went to Jewish Vocational Service for help. The response was prompt and efficient.

A selection of curriculum vitae was faxed to me within 24 hours and the candidates were all highly-qualified. This is a time when many young people, with good education and often with valuable experience, are on the job market.

I would strongly recommend that employers try their local JVS. There is no charge for the service and it is excellent.

Joe King
Executive Director
Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University

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Perspectives

The Law of Return

By LIBBY GARSHOWITZ

Recent proposals by leading Israeli public figures from all shades of the political and religious spectrum to amend or abolish the Law of Return, have prompted this response.

As a native Torontonian who was privileged to be alive when the State of Israel was created in 1948 and as one who has witnessed many times the miracles wrought by *olim* in the building of the state, permit me to voice some personal thoughts regarding this law and its implications and its threatened revision.

The Law of Return, formulated on July 5, 1950, the anniversary of Theodore Herzl's death, was one of the most significant pieces of legislation enacted by the Knesset. It declared that every Jew has the right to settle in Israel as an *oleh*, "an immigrant to Israel for the purpose of settlement." It confirmed the eternal yearning of Jews everywhere to return to Zion, abolished all restrictions on Jewish immigration and retroactively validated the immgration of every Jew who had at any time entered the country — even in contravention of British Mandatory regulations. In effect, it conferred immediate citizenship on every Jew after a two-millenium exile and absence of Jewish sovereignty in the land of Israel. In the words of Israel's first prime minister David Ben Gurion:

> "This law lays down not that the State accords the right of settlement to Jews abroad but that this right is inherent in every Jew by virtue of his being a Jew if it but be his will to take part in settling the land. This right preceded the State of Israel; it is that which built the state."

Different challenges to the Law of Return through the years led to an amendment in 1970 which grants immigration rights and immediate citizenship to any person with a single grandparent who was Jewish, even if the connection to Judaism ended there. The Law of Return does not grant citizenship to a person who was a Jew and voluntarily changed his religion, nor to one with a criminal past who would be a danger to the public welfare.

The Law of Return also provides a definition of a Jew: a person who is born to a Jewish mother or who has been converted to Judaism and is not a member of another faith.

The ramifications of the Law of Return for the State of Israel were far-reaching and immeasurable. The end of World War II brought many survivors of world Jewry's most tragic epoch. Broken in body and spirit, they were once again threatened with imprisonment and detention as illegal immigrants. With the proclamation of the State of Israel, they faced yet another war for their own physical survival and that of the new state, as they were threatened with annihilation by adjacent Arab armies. Nevertheless, with victory, the survivors began the long healing process, rebuilding both themselves and the land. They brought culture, knowhow, pizzazz and a new dynamic to the Middle East. The State of Israel became a source of pride to Diaspora Jewry.

There began one of the finest periods in the history of the Jewish people, despite wars, hardship and culture shock. The biblical concepts of *shevut* (repatriation to the land of Israel) and *kibbutz galuyot* (the ingathering of the exiles from the four corners of the globe) were affirmed. The predictions of the Deuteronomist and the prophet Jeremiah, who had witnessed the exile of the Judeans from the southern kingdom of Judea in the sixth century BCE, were being realized.

And this rescue of Jews continues. From the former Yugoslavia and from war-torn Chechnya and from many other regions of world conflict, Jews are being airlifted to Israel. The continuing emigration of Russian Jews, sometimes a trickle, sometimes a flood, seems to fulfil the goals of visionary Israeli and Diaspora leaders who decades ago pledged to deliver "refuseniks" from the scourge of Communism.

The figures of Natan Scharansky, Joseph Begun and Ida Nudel, to name but a few, symbolized to world Jewry the "refuseniks' " fierce determination to make aliyah. And now Natan Scharansky, the eloquent spokesperson for all immigrants, is poised to form his own party, the party of Aliyah, in the 1996 elections.

Nor can we forget the spectacular rescue of Ethiopian Jews, who referred to themselves as *Beita Yisrael* (the House of Israel). Few who watched and applauded the planeloads of Ethiopian Jews landing at Ben-Gurion airport can discount the outpouring of welcome by Jews and Arabs alike.

The origins of Ethiopians are shrouded in obscurity; nevertheless in 1973, the then Sephardi chief rabbi of Israel, Ovadia Yosef, ruled that the Ethiopian Jews belonged to the tribe of Dan and must be given the same right to return to Israel as other Jews. Two years later the Knesset acknowledged that these Jews had the right to immigrate under the Law of Return.

Thus began Ethiopian Jewry's long struggle to gain recognition as Jews, with the subsequent right to make their home in Israel, where, in spite of the many difficulties facing them, they feel they are home. Their piety and their observance of Sabbath, holy days and mitzvot could not be impugned. They serve in the Israel Defence Force and their children can be heard prattling away in Hebrew. The government of Israel may have at first erred in requiring an assessment of the Jewishness of many of the Ethiopians, but it is now exercising greater caution and consideration in its handling of these new immigrants.

Excluded from the massive airlift were the Falashe Muras, Ethiopian Jews who had converted to Christianity. Under the Law of Return they were ineligible as Jews. Since many are relatives of Ethiopians now living in Israel, the State of Israel is examining their claims for family reunification.

Some prominent Israeli leaders raise fears about the issue of the "10 lost tribes," those who claim descent from the residents of the northern kingdom of Israel deported by the Assyrian invaders almost three millennia ago. These Israelis envisage the prospect of hundreds of thousands of immigrants, mainly from Third-World countries who allege that they are descendants of the "lost tribes," and as such will claim the right to immigrate to Israel under the Law of Return to better their economic status.

The contemporary debate among Israelis does not much differ from the dispute of the prominent second-century rabbis Akiva and his teacher Eliezer. The former stated that the "10 tribes" will never return to the land of Israel because of their sinful and idolatrous practices, whereas the latter, more lenient in his approach, prophesied that the eclipse of these displaced northerners would someday emerge into the light. Rabbi Eliezer's words reflect those of Jeremiah's contemporary, the prophet Ezekiel who anticipated the reunification by God of the divided kingdoms of Israel and Judea, the repatriation of their descendants and the bestowal of eternal peace.

Rabbi Akiva's intransigence regarding the return of the descendants of the "lost tribes," some of whom have reputedly been found in Persia, China, India and Ethiopia, provoked anger and criticism among his contemporaries.

Perhaps Rabbi Akiva's adamant refusal to recognize the reunion of the descendants of the 10 tribes reflected the *Realpolitik* of his day, much as they reflect the concerns expressed now by leading Israeli and Diaspora leaders. In Rabbi Akiva's reputed encounters with the descendants of the "lost tribes" during his extensive travels to muster support for his fight against the Romans, he may have recognized their complete estrangement from Judaism.

But Israelis should feel no real danger from imaginary Jewish descendants. The Law of Return does not entitle claimants to automatic immigration or to immediate citizenship unless they themselves are Jews or the children or grandchildren of Jews.

The apparent resentment of Israelis appears to be directed against the flood of recent immigrants from Russia who are not Jewish. Israelis' initial enthusiastic welcome is becoming somewhat cynical, a cynicism matched by the immigrants themselves.

Israelis fear these immigrants are using Israel as a stepping stone to emigrate to the more "lucrative" North America. They have strained existing financial, social and health resources and have exploded the system, both in Israel, which depends heavily on outside funding, and in North America. As Canadians we are aware of Russian emigres seeking status because of charges of abuse in Israel due to their non-Jewish status. However, we are also aware that Russian immigrants who remain in Israel serve in the army and die in the line of duty.

Fuelling the distrust towards recent Russian immigrants is the arrival of a large criminal element in Israel involved in drugs, prostitution and murder. Israelis were singularly distressed two months ago by the particularly cruel murders of a grandmother and her grandson in an upscale Tel Aviv neighborhood. Under arrest for these murders is a relative of the two victims, a recent immigrant. A suspected motive is the settling of scores with the son and father of the murder victims still in Russia. However, criminal issues should be resolved by the police, in tandem with the minister of the Interior who is responsible for determining whether an immigrant who "endangers the public welfare" should be granted citizenship under the Law of Return.

There can be no doubt that the influx of immigrants has changed the character of the State of Israel in the almost 50 years of its existence, but so has it changed the face of every democratic country which has permitted immigrants. The economy has also changed with worldwide upswings and downturns. No country is immune. But the State of Israel appears to have fared much better than many western economies. It has the third-largest rate of economic growth and a lower unemployment rate than Canada.

No doubt this is due in a large part to the peace process, which despite its many inherent flaws and dangers, appears to be irreversible. But the anticipated prospects of peace in the Middle East and attendant widening of contacts between Israel and some of her Arab neighbors also threaten to endanger the Law of Return, should it be debated in the Knesset. Arab Knesset members have already served notice that they will broaden the issue of "return" to include not only Jews but also pre-1948 and post-1967 Arab residents. Moreover, they threaten to attempt to repeal the Law of Return and to widen the discussion to include new universal norms for the absorption of Jews, Muslims and Christians in the State of Israel.

Perhaps cooler heads will prevail when and if the Law of Return is debated in the Knesset. At that time Israeli leaders should invite responsible Diaspora leaders to put all the issues on the table.

We commend Israel's policy of rescuing Jews from danger and persecution, wherever they exist. Negative reaction to this policy would endanger Jews in distressed countries and haunt us who live in democratic countries that we might not "have done enough." The Law of Return has been one of Israel's many salutary gifts to world Jewry.

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"Returning" to Israel, thousands of immigrants in 1951 passed through the receiving centre of Shaar Aliyah on the coast near Haifa where they lived in tents and gathered their bedding from heaps dumped there by truck. [LIFE]

Opinions

Letters from Jerusalem

By Ehud Luckerman

I have spent over half my life in Canada, most of it in Toronto, in peace; then why did I, 12 years ago, move away from peace, to Israel? A philosopher must seek impartiality; then why do I start a column now in Jerusalem, a city in which partisanship is inevitable? The first question I can deal with at some future time. The second I must answer now.

Today's Jewish people is a remnant of catastrophe. The Diaspora would worry less about "continuity" if rabbis were still coming from Poland. Israel would have an easier time with Arabs if a million or two *chalutzim* had come at the start. In the most basic respect, then, for Jewish survival the slogan of some years ago is still true: "We are one."

Then why aren't we? After the catastrophe we restored a Jewish state; it was the one thing we could do, had to do, and were successful in doing. But besieged since birth, Israel is under siege still, and the besieged (or colonized or otherwise oppressed), if unable to throw off their yoke, will always fight among themselves.

So it is with us. One camp holds that if we are fair with those laying the siege, or better still more than fair, they will end it voluntarily; the other side claims that they will end it involuntarily if we are tough on them. And extremists in the two camps see the enemy, not in those who do the besieging, but in each other.

In this situation, a philosopher's place is in the middle, between the extremes, his task being both to reconcile them and to redirect the focus to where it belongs — on the siege itself and the task of ending it. If "we are one" is the basic Jewish truth still, the Jewish philosopher's task is to restore it to Jewish consciousness.

This middle has been my political stance until the Oslo accord. Since then, however, I have been pushed, little by little, in a rightward direction, until finally I have decided to write this column, at the price of leaving the ivory tower, at the risk of being plunged into partisanship. ("Ivory tower" is a bad metaphor for me, for I was never really in it.) What has led to this decision?

The Rabin government's attempt to end the siege in the Oslo way has radicalized Israeli polarization. This much, however, has happened before with Menachem Begin's attempt to end the siege in his way. But there is a big difference. The Lebanon venture was reversed. Is Olso reversible? Probably not, and this is the Rabin government's claim and its boast. There is little cause for boasting, however. What if Olso is indeed irreversible, but for vital Israeli interests catastrophic?

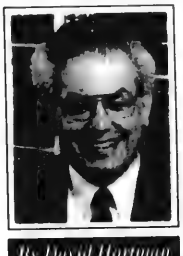
Oslo then has not merely polarized Israelis but effectively disenfranchised half the Israeli population. (Give or take 10 or 20 per cent. Who, in a matter of peace or war, — let alone national survival — wants to count percentages?) No wonder then, that Israelis are confused, demoralized, depressed — more so than I have ever seen them before. Too many of them feel — have reason to feel — that they have no say in the steps, irreversible steps, taken on their behalf: letters, articles, protest marches, hunger strikes, Knesset votes. Nothing, it seems, makes any difference.

Disenfranchisement would be temporary and acceptable if, through elections called for the purpose, the public could decide on Oslo. (A referendum is a poor substitute.) But the government has not made that crucial offer. Indeed, it seems bent on a fait accompli before regular elections are due, and this, in a democracy, is astounding. Are the presently disenfranchised to remain disenfranchised until all is over except for the shouting — of ecstasy or lamentation, as the case may be?

The government has had numerous chances — lesser than elections but still significant — to reach out to the disenfranchised. The most significant was handed it courtesy of the Nobel Prize committee. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin might have told that august body that he would accept the prize, but only when there was peace; moreover, while himself voicing Israeli hopes, he might have called on the leader of the opposition to voice Israeli fears. This would have put Yasser Arafat's commitment to peace on probation, not given him a kosher stamp. It would have — I shouldn't say this, but everybody in Israel is saying it — curbed Shimon Peres' appetite for honors, not fed it. Most important of all, it would have been a show of Israeli, nay Jewish unity, much needed by a people that is a remnant still of catastrophe.

But what happened on Nobel Peace Prize night was different and felt to be different by the more than 1,000 of us assembled in Jerusalem's Renaissance Hotel. We were listening to Kaare Kristiansen, the member of the Nobel Prize committee who had resigned in protest against a peace prize for a terrorist. The applause given Kristiansen was frequent, but loudest when he confessed to being happy at not being in Oslo that night, but with us in Jerusalem.

We too were happy with him in Jerusalem, but deeply alienated from the two leading members of our own government who were, that night, in Oslo.



By David Hartman

In rebuilding our ancient homeland, the category of *galut* (exile or homelessness) no longer defines Jewish existence. "Coming home" is a source of reassurance and comfort for Jews living in Israel and throughout the world. Our coming home also deeply affected the way the world, and above all, Christianity, viewed Jews and Judaism. We are no more the cursed people condemned to eternal wandering for rejecting the supersessionist claims of Christianity. Christianity can no longer use the homelessness of Jews as a confirmation of its claim to being the New Israel. The "old" Israel lives as a vital and energetic historical people.

This may be called the "good news" that is emanating from Jerusalem today. Our return home, however, not only changed the historical relationship between Israel and the world, but also had major repercussions on the relationships among members of the Jewish people.

A family that has been separated for many years and comes home to live together soon discovers that they have different understanding of what their home should be. The difficulty of reaching agreement and harmony in the private home is magnified manyfold with respect to the home of the Jewish people.

One of the truly heroic acts of the 20th century was our proclaiming Israel as our home in spite of our knowing that there was no normative consensus about what defined the Jewish people. We proclaimed an end to our exile while we knew full well that the ingathering of our people would eventually expose deep value divisions and incompatible expectations. The heroic proclamation of the State of Israel as the home of all Jews regardless of religious and ideological differences expressed our confidence in the maturity of the Jewish people to carry on the ancient rabbinic tradition of *machloket l'shem shemayim*, disagreement for the sake of heaven.

The test of this national act of faith is whether the spirit of this rabbinic model of mature controversy can prevail. Can we disagree in a civilized way? Can we agree without dehumanizing and demonizing our opponents? Must a plurality of ideals and beliefs lead to sectarianism? Can different members of the family live in the same house and carry on serious conversations without threatening the very foundations of our collective existence?

I am deeply disturbed by the vicious language that has entered the public debate over the current peace process. "Rabin is a murderer, a bloody terrorist in disguise!" This language violates a fundamental feature of Jewish sensibility. It is *treif*. This verbal assault on the person rather than on his views must be rejected categorically by all Jews concerned with the physical and spiritual welfare of the Jewish people.

I am not calling for a blanket endorsement of the Rabin government's policies, but for learning to articulate disagreement without attacking the personal integrity of Rabin, Peres or others seeking ways to end the tragic state of war which has defined our relationship with the Arabs for the last 50 years.

There is certainly a legitimate place for disagreement in Jewish life today and I hope that all the assenting and dissenting voices will be heard. Jewish cultural and religious vitality depends on our ability to appreciate and understand how different Jews think about their history, the meaning of being a Jew and how the past claims them.

There are conflicting approaches to the meaning of the holiness of the land. While some people believe in holiness as a property that inheres in the actual land of Israel, others believe that one cannot ascribe holiness to the land if there is violence. For them, the holiness of the land is a function of the quality of life of the society that inhabits the land. They thus argue that ending war and taking a risk for peace are indigenous expressions of the primary values of Judaism.

One may take issue with the content of the argument and question the definition of holiness without challenging the legitimacy of the argument itself. After all, is it not one of the signs of the greatness of the Jewish people that we continue to argue about who is a Jew, despite 3,000 years of existence? We still cannot decide what constitutes Jewish identity. We have been reading and interpreting the Bible for 2,000 years yet we understand it in so many different ways. This diversity is not a sign of spiritual weakness — quite the contrary; it is proof that we are a people that takes learning and tradition seriously.

It is not disagreement and diversity that threaten the future of the Jewish people. It is our inability to listen to each other's arguments, to deal with the substance of the arguments without resorting to *ad hominem* accusations. You sharpen and intensify your own convictions when you have to confront the rigorous arguments of a serious opponent. Demonization by means of crude *ad hominem* accusations usually reflects a lack of confidence in one's own convictions and a fear of openly airing the reasons behind one's views. **[Cont'd. on page 11]**

Apology

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Not too many people have heard of a little book that was published some 450 years ago (to be precise, in 1543). Written by Martin Luther, found ing spirit of the Protestant Reformation, the tract had a profound and malevolent impact on Christian-Jewish relations.

In his earlier years, Luther had been a staunch advocate of the need to return to the Hebrew Bible, and his path-breaking German translation was significantly influenced by his access to rabbinical sources. He criticized the Church's attitude toward the Jews, opposed the banning of the Talmud and wrote a pamphlet emphasizing that Jesus was born a Jew. In fact, because of these writings, Luther himself was accused of being a half-Jew.

Apparently he hoped to win the Jews over to his reformed Christianity, but when he failed he became increasingly disappointed with them and towards the end of his life, he published several treatises which reversed his earlier stand of cordiality and support. The particular pamphlet to which I refer was called *On the Jews and Their Lies*. In it he heaped upon our people a torrent of virulent abuse, called us thieves, brigands and disgusting vermin, and suggested that the secular authorities deal harshly with Jews. In his list of suggestions was the destruction of synagogues, Jewish schools and books. Jewish homes were to be razed as well, safe conduct for Jews on highways was to be revoked, their money was to be confiscated and forced labor was to be imposed. Finally, he urged, Jews should be expelled from all Christian territories. Needless to say, these suggestions — many of which became a part of German-Christian folklore — could not help but have evil consequences.

At long last, Lutheran churches have now acknowledged these sins of their founder by issuing an important apology which emphasizes that "Luther left the way wide open to those who appealed to his statements as giving his personal approval and authorization for what they were doing [and would do later]."

Some months ago a Lutheran convention made an official declaration which included this statement: "In the spirit of truth-telling we who bear his [Luther's] name and heritage must with pain acknowledge Luther's anti-Jewish diatribes and violent recommendations of his writings against the Jews. As did many of Luther's own companions in the 16th century, we reject this violent invective, and yet more do we express our deep and abiding sorrow for its tragic effects on subsequent generations.

"The Evangelical Lutheran Church is aware of the use and abuse of Luther's heritage to foster anti-Semitism, as was done in Nazi Germany and is now being done by the Nation of Islam's distribution of Luther's anti-Semitic writings."

The Lutheran statement stresses that "we recognize in anti-Semitism a contradiction and an affront to the Gospel, a violation of our hope and calling, and we pledge this Church to oppose the deadly working of such bigotry, both within our own circles and in the society around us. Finally, we pray for the continued blessing of the Blessed One upon the increasing cooperation and understanding between Lutheran Christians and the Jewish community."

Last Friday (July 14) in Winnipeg, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada formally passed the resolution repudiating the anti-Semitic writings of Martin Luther.

The Kirshner File

Diaries reveal upright man who opposed Nazis

Fifty-one years ago on July 20, a time bomb exploded in Adolf Hitler's headquarters in East Prussia, killing several

By Sheldon Kirshner

members of his staff but leaving him virtually unscathed.

The assassin was Claus Schenk Graf von Stauffenberg, a decorated officer who had just been appointed chief of staff to the commander of the Reserve Army.

Von Stauffenberg left the conference room minutes before the explosion, hurrying back to Berlin to coordinate a military uprising that had been carefully planned. The attempted coup, of course, failed, and von Stauffenberg and his fellow plotters were summarily executed.

Von Stauffenberg's plot — which takes on a special resonance this year on the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II — was the most serious challenge to Hitler's diabolical regime. If the conspirators — a mix of army officers, politicians, diplomats and clergy — had carried it off, the world might well have been rid of Nazi Germany nine months earlier and countless lives could have been saved.

Regrettably, the German resistance movement was small, fragmented and ineffective, and it required a crushing but costly Allied victory to smash the Nazis.

Opponents of the regime, running the gamut from communists to conservatives, labored under a great disadvantage. Until about the last two years of the war, when the tide turned against Germany, the German people more or less supported Hitler.

He had brought them a measure of prosperity and he had restored their national pride. Blinded by hubris, the majority of Germans looked the other way as Hitler established a dictatorship, institutionalized anti-Semitism and committed armed aggression against neighboring countries.

But a minority, a strong, courageous coterie of Germans who could not abide the criminal nature of his regime, turned against him.

Von Stauffenberg, a member of the Swabian aristocracy, embodied their strengths and weaknesses.

A brilliant officer who fought in Poland, France and North Africa, he had welcomed Hitler's seizure of power in 1933 as an opportunity for Germany to regain its greatness. Like his fellow officers, he was not enamored of the Weimar Republic, which emerged in the wake of World War I.

Von Stauffenberg became disillusioned with the Nazis only as their evil excesses surfaced. Prior to the war, he registered no basic objection to Hitler's anti-Jewish policy, nor did he oppose Hitler's plans to expand Germany's borders. He was a paradigm of the times.

Clearly, von Stauffenberg was not cut out of the same cloth as, say, Ludwig Beck, the army chief of staff from 1935 to 1938. Unlike von Stauffenberg, Beck was an early opponent of Hitler, strongly protesting his decision to invade Czechoslovakia in 1938. Having lost that battle, Beck resigned. Subsequently, he joined the resistance movement, and when the July 1944 assassination plot fizzled, he committed suicide.

Although military figures such as von Stauffenberg and Beck were integral to the success or failure of the machinations against Hitler, civilians played an important role too.

Karl Friedrich Goerdeler, the scion of a Prussian family and mayor of Leipzig, was thrust into the forefront of the anti-Nazi movement when a statue of the composer Felix Mendelssohn — a converted Jew — was removed by Nazi zealots. In protest, he handed in his resignation.

Goerdeler, whose own attitude to Jews was ambivalent, felt that the Nazis would not last long. He was convinced that a system sustained by "political terror, lawlessness and amorality" would collapse. That he was wrong is beside the point.

In addition to Goerdeler, and brave individuals like Hans and Sophie Scholl of the much publicized White Rose group, the most noteworthy political adversaries of the National Socialists could be found in the Kreisau circle. Composed of principled persons like Peter Graf Yorck von Wartenberg and Helmuth James Graf von Moltke, they maintained contact with trade union leaders (Julius Leber) and clergymen (Dietrich Bonhoeffer).

Perhaps the most distinguished member of the Kreisau circle was Ulrich von Hassell, whose nephew, Henning, once served as Germany's consul in Toronto.

Ulrich von Hassell, the German ambassador to Italy from 1932 to 1937, was a committed anti-Nazi.

Sophie Scholl

And if the July 1944 plot had gone off, he would have been the foreign minister of a new, democratic government. Instead, on July 28, he was arrested by the Gestapo, and executed several months later.

Fortunately, he kept a diary, and it has been published under the title of *The Von Hassell Diaries* (Westview Press, $24.95 US). It is a revealing cri de coeur, a heartfelt manifesto chronicling the brutalities of the Third Reich.

Von Hassell was disgusted with Kristallnacht, describing it as vile, shameless and hideous. Calling the Nazis "criminals and fools," he senses that the war is leading Germany to catastrophe.

He writes that "the war cannot be won militarily" and that the "shocking bestialities" of the SS in Poland, especially toward the Jews, have sullied Germany's name.

As the war grinds on, von Hassell is increasingly angry and bitter. As he puts it: "There is revulsion on the part of all decent people toward the shameless measures taken against the Jews ..." Then, in a prescient observation, he remarks: "There is a slowly increasing disposition on the part of the military leaders to go along no longer with this infamous and filthy business."

By 1942, he is a marked man, having been informed that he is being watched by the authorities. Yet von Hassell is not intimidated, and takes it as a compliment that Hitler dislikes him. He fulminates against the "brutal treatment" of mischlings (Germans of partial Jewish ancestry). He bemoans the fact that "the corporal" (Hitler) is "leading us into disaster."

Nothing escapes his attention. After Hans and Sophie Scholl are beheaded in 1943, he pays tribute to them. In the aftermath of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, he notes: "It is Hitler's achievement that the German has become the most loathed animal in the whole world."

Passionate, reasoned and powerful, *The Von Hassell Diaries* train an illuminating spotlight on an upright German. It is to Germany's everlasting shame that he and other resisters to Nazi tyranny did not succeed.

Truman, Palestine, the Press

Fifty years ago this year, Harry Truman, the former haberdasher from Independence, Missouri, succeeded Franklin Roosevelt as president of the United States. Palestine was one of his first foreign policy challenges. Would he support Jewish statehood there?

The question was inextricably connected with the increasingly bitter and divisive debate over the future of Palestine, a British mandate. The controversy preoccupied Washington just as the Cold War emerged.

Truman was basically sympathetic to Zionism and the conception of a Jewish homeland, a position that American Zionists tried to reinforce at every opportunity. But the State Department and other influential bodies in the U.S. establishment feared that the partition of Palestine between Jews and Arabs would threaten vital U.S. interests in the Middle East.

As a result of these cross-currents, Truman was subjected to intense pressure by all sides, including the media. The way in which he resolved the matter is the subject of Bruce Evensen's meticulously researched book, *Truman, Palestine and the Press* (Greenwood Publishing Group, $45 US).

More often than not, the battle for hearts and minds was waged in the pages of daily newspapers. American Zionists realized that if the press interpreted events in the Middle East solely in terms of Cold War tensions, they stood little chance of gaining ground. Their strategy, therefore, was to convince Truman that the United States had a vested interest in backing a Jewish state in Palestine, and that the European Jewish victims of Nazism deserved a place in the sun. In other words, the Zionists had "to create a new conventional wisdom on Palestine," Evensen observes.

Proponents of Jewish statehood labored under a disadvantage, given the State Department's insistence that the realization of Zionist ambitions in Palestine would destabilize the Mideast and enable the Soviet Union — the arch enemy — to penetrate the region.

Furthermore, the *New York Times* — the pre-eminent daily — opposed Zionist plans. Its assimilated Jewish publisher, Arthur Sulzberger, held that Zionism was a defeatist philosophy which was inimical to Jews in Palestine and the United States.

Truman, though basically pro-Zionist, was swayed by these arguments, and at one juncture he dropped his support for partition. Enlisting the assistance of Eddie Jacobson, Truman's old business partner and friend, the Zionists persuaded the president to see Chaim Weizmann, the venerable president of the World Zionist Organization. As events would prove, Weizmann's intercession was timely.

Jerusalem letter from Hartman

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Let us not argue who is more loyal to the Jewish people or who cares more about its continuity. Instead, let us argue about the content of that continuity. Unless this spirit informs our public discourse, the moral and spiritual survival of our people will be threatened. Opening the doors to serious discussion between Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist and Reform Jewish thinkers will enable people to understand what the theological and moral issues are and why there is such intense disagreement. Defamation and delegitimization of different points of view ultimately destroy interest in Torah and in the alternative paths to the spiritual renewal of our people.

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Uncovering *Chillul Hashem*

By RABBI MARK DRATCH

There is a new ammunition in the divorce wars. It has come to light recently that Israel Goldstein, an estranged husband and father, betrothed his minor daughter to an anonymous man and threatens that he will not reveal the name of his daughter's new husband unless certain conditions are met. The problem, according to Jewish law, is that his daughter is now a married woman and cannot remarry without first receiving a *get* (Jewish divorce).

According to news reports, Goldstein, and perhaps some 20 others like him, have the support of a small group of rabbis and laymen which calls itself — of all things! — *Shalom Bayit* (domestic accord).

Torah law does allow for a father to marry off his daughter when she is a minor (i.e., under the age of 12½). The reason for this authority is to enable a father, under a different set of sociological circumstances, to assure the economic and social security of his daughter. Despite the fact that the activity is permissible according to biblical law, the Talmud states, "It is forbidden for a father to betroth his daughter while she is a minor, until she matures and says, 'I want to marry so-and-so.' " (Kiddushin 41a) This is the halachically normative position as codified by Rambam, *Hilkhot Ishut* 3:19 and *Shulchan Aruch, Even Haezer* 37:8.

It is instructive to note the comment of Rabbi Moses Isserles (Poland, 16th century) on this statement of the *Shulchan Aruch:* "And there are those who say that at this time there are those who do betroth their minor daughters. [The reason for this is that] we are in exile and we do not always have the funds for a dowry. In addition, we are small in number and may not always be able to find a proper match. And this is practised."

Only when it was in the daughter's best interest did Jewish law condone marriages of minors. Under our current sociological conditions, and in cases such as Goldstein's where this authority is used as a tool for extortion, for the harassment of an estranged wife and for the infliction of mental anguish upon a minor, it is villainous.

Those few individuals and rabbis who are engaged in such abhorrent and immoral behavior are engaged in *Chillul Hashem*, the desecration of God's Name, through their misuse and abuse of the Torah's precepts.

The Jewish legal system, like all legal systems, can be misused. Nachmanides condemns those who act according to the letter of the law while ignoring its spirit, and labels them *naval bireshut HaTorah*, vile scoundrels who manipulate the authority of the Torah. It is the broad charge to be holy which is seen by this great commentator as the Bible's corrective for these ignoble deeds. It is our task as responsible members of the Jewish community to stop these gross violations of decency and holiness.

And we, as a community, will be measured by our response to this and other scandals. The Talmud tells us that if someone who is well learned and observant is honest in business and speaks pleasantly, then others respond, "Happy are those who taught him Torah and woe to those who have not studied Torah, for look how fine are the ways and how righteous the deeds of this person who studied Torah."

But if someone who is observant is also dishonest and disrespectful, of him people say, "Woe to him who studied Torah and woe to those who taught him Torah, for look how corrupt are the deeds of this person" (Yoma 86a).

Because my pride in the Torah and my self-respect as an Orthodox Jew are tied to the representation my community makes to the world at large, I feel compelled to make a public statement about this matter. As a rabbi, I feel obliged to educate the community that such behavior is despicable and will not be tolerated. I am likewise impelled by the Mishna that reminds us that concealing a *Chillul Hashem* will always be unsuccessful: "Whoever desecrates the name of Heaven in private will ultimately be punished in public" (Pirke Avot 4:4). And when denials and attempts to conceal information are ultimately revealed, there is then an even greater *Chillul Hashem.*

I am relieved by the reports of a decision by Rabbi Zalman Auerbach, *zecher tzaddik livrachah*, delegitimizing the father's claim and maintaining the young girl's single status. But why did it take so long for this decision to become public? Why was it not implemented when it was decreed months ago? Surely this would have relieved the anguish of the victims and have prevented the public scandal that unfolded.

I support the efforts of Rabbi Gedaliah D. Shwartz, head of the beth din of the Rabbinical Council of America, and other leading scholars and decision makers of Jewish law who are earnestly evaluating the appropriate halachic means to prevent this abuse in the future. I call upon the members of the community to forewarn those who might consider this or other means of blackmail and extortion in dealing with their halachic obligations to grant a *get*, that such unscrupulous behavior will no longer be tolerated. I call upon parents and teachers to train their children to respect the integrity of all human beings and not to abuse our sacred and sensitive tradition for their own profane ends.

Books

By Bernard Baskin

Judaism: Myth, Legend, History & Custom from the Religious to the Secular, by Abraham J. Arnold (Robert Davies Publishing, $23.99 (paper)).

The author of this challenging book is an atheist. Nevertheless, for close to 50 years he has been intensely involved in the Jewish community as editor of the *Jewish Western Bulletin*, social activist and national president of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society.

As a secular humanist he feels kinship with the over 50 per cent of American Jews who are not religiously affiliated and with perhaps an equal number of Israelis who "are not brought up with the strictures of the Torah and receive no traditional education."

He has written this work, Arnold asserts, "To explain to my children and grandchildren how I see my Jewishness and to give them an opportunity to think about their own identity ... without necessarily becoming associated with a synagogue."

He is ambiguous about circumcision. "The humanist secular Jewish view suggests that the surgical circumcision practice be separated from the ceremonial birth celebration of a baby. Parents should be free to consider what weight they want to give to medical evidence on circumcision before deciding on a brit milah."

How do secular Jews celebrate Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur? They "find it appropriate to reflect on the moral quality of their lives and on how to improve themselves, through contemplation and discussion. And while ritual need not be entirely rejected, it is not required to seek the desired results."

Bar and bat mitzvah need not be "tied exclusively to the Torah." A secular ceremony can be built around a speech by the celebrant on a well-known figure in Jewish history.

The major question for Jewish secularists is simply this: Can a purely cultural or ethnic form of Judaism be transmitted from one generation to another? The evidence overwhelmingly is in the negative. Nostalgia, family loyalty, knowledge of Yiddish, liberal ideals and values, a clutch of denatured ceremonies and rituals — these do not provide effective barriers to assimilation.

Arnold regards the views of Albert Einstein as "the epitome of a secular humanist credo for Judaism." But Einstein's children did not remain Jews.

Unhappily many Jewish personalities who enrich humanity with their genius do not leave Jewish descendants.

I wonder why Arnold does not examine the philosophy of Mordecai Kaplan who, in his reconstruction of Judaism, attempted a faith without God but rich in culture and ideals? Why persist in secular Judaism that derives from the socialist-Yiddishist milieu of Eastern Europe, when Reform and Conservative Judaism allow for a broad restructuring of traditional beliefs and affirmations?

This honest, informative and deeply felt book highlights a major concern of every thoughtful Jew: how to find a living, congenial faith and how to transmit it to their children and grandchildren.

Jewish Life

LEGACY

by Shel Krakofsky

for Rivka and Shira

Kaddish will not be necessary
let there be no eulogies
no plaques or memorial funds

detour the cemetery
don't rend clothes or place
pebbles on my granite shoulders

I won't be where I've been lowered
I will be found in you
only in you

for those who want to remember me
they need only be with you
to see who I was when no one was looking

let there be no modesty, fanfare
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The students culminate their tour by celebrating Yom Yerushalayim in the heart of Jerusalem itself. Seen in this photo are (left to right): Matthew Poplaw (Concordia), Karen Kaushansky (Waterloo), Gail Grief, FEDERATION CJA Montreal, Lauren Hoffer (McGill), Marla Greenspoon (McGill), Tamar Flanders (McGill). [UIA Photo]

From Anguish to Hope

By LAURA ROSEN
Special to The CJN

Anguish to Hope, a mission sponsored by the United Israel Appeal of Canada and Canadian Jewish Federations, took a group of Canadian university students to the pre-World War II Jewish communities in Czechoslovakia and Poland, followed by a stay in Israel.

Eighty students from 25 colleges and universities across Canada participated in the mission that takes place every two years.

The students also took a two-day side trip to Jordan, a historic opportunity to meet with a group of Jordanian university students. (For the University of Jordan this was the first time ever it had hosted a group of Jewish students.) The two groups exchanged views on a variety of subjects, including their pre-conceived notions about each other

"It was a major highlight to go to Jordan," said Marla Greenspoon, 22, who recently graduated with a BA in management from McGill.

"I don't know exactly what I was expecting, but they are students just like us ... We talked to them about issues like the peace process and their feelings about Jews and Israel.

"They have mixed feelings about Jews. Some of them feel that King Hussein made a spontaneous decision about the peace process, and all of the sudden said, 'Let's be friends.' They didn't really agree with that. But others were ecstatic. Still, they said that it will take time to get used to the peace process because they were brought up to hate Jews!"

Greenspoon said all their conversations were in English and although none of them are likely to be in contact again, she thinks the Jordanians "liked the perspective" of the Jewish students.

GUEST VOICES

Eli Rubenstein, the United Israel Appeal of Canada professional who accompanied the group, said the meeting with Jordanian students would not have been possible if it weren't for the peace process. But, he added, after the group had left Jordan, a complaint was filed with the university because Jewish students wearing kippot had been seen on a Jordanian university campus.

"It is a situation that is kind of 'two steps forward, one step back.' On the one hand, you have Canadian Jewish students speaking to Jordanian students in Jordan. Not so long ago, that would have been unthinkable," said Rubenstein. "On the other hand, it is unsettling that a religious symbol like a kippah could prove to be an object of complaint for some ... at a time when peace is supposed to be the common goal."

Michelle Volgyi, 23, a York university student from Toronto, is one course away from finishing her BA in psychology.

"It was very odd to be in Poland. For me, Poland always meant the camps. Then I arrived in the country and saw cities that were completely Americanized. The strangest thing is that if you drive half an hour out of the city, you are in the camps. How do those people live there?

"I have never been happier to land in Israel. We had a chance to welcome a plane full of olim from the former Soviet Union. I always knew it was important to have a Jewish state, but this made it even clearer," because now Jews have somewhere to go.

Jennifer Kurtz, 20, a Toronto student currently studying music at McGill, talked about the last program the group attended in Poland – a tribute concert in Warsaw honoring Righteous Gentiles who had saved Jewish lives during the Holocaust.

"It was vital for us to recognize the role of Righteous Gentiles, especially since so many others sat back and allowed such inhumane and brutal things happen to the Jewish people.

These Poles who risked their lives to save their fellow Jews demonstrated that individuals have the power to follow their hearts and resist evil," she said.

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Having co-chaired the Campaign Cabinet of Operation Exodus in 1989, Judy and Neil have teamed up again to spearhead the Major Gifts Division for the ***Baycrest...Imagine Our Future Without It*** Campaign.

Judy Scheininger
Co-chair

Neil Nisker
Co-chair

Separately they are both leaders in the community. Neil is currently chairing the Investment Committee at Mount Sinai Hospital Foundation and is a past chair of Toronto's United Jewish Appeal campaign, Judy, is a past chair of both the Toronto United Jewish Appeal Campaign and the Mother's Association of Associated Hebrew Schools. In addition to being two members of our nine-chair team and guiding Major Gifts, Scheininger and Nisker have also taken on some other responsibilities.
Neil is the Chair representative to the Communications committee and Judy is responsible for coordinating most of our awareness events.

Neil Nisker comes to Baycrest with a strong family connection. "I don't know very many people whose lives have not been affected by Baycrest. Three of my four grandparents were in Baycrest and received wonderful care during the latter part of their lives," said Nisker. He pointed out that Baycrest was the last place that he saw his grandparents alive, "It was evident then that they were being treated with the utmost respect. Now, years later, the tradition of 'honouring thy mother and father' continues to permeate every level of service."

But times change. The existing building has served our clients well for many years. We must move on to a more specialized environment for those we serve now. We must create a new environment that better reflects the traditions upon which Baycrest was founded.

Judy Scheininger added "Baycrest is at the leading edge in learning how to care for and treat disorders that occur in the elderly. As our community ages it will be Baycrest that will be there to meet our needs and we must be prepared."

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Neil Nisker and Judy Scheininger are co-chairs dedicated to the success of this Campaign. Both are committed to fulfilling our promise and continuing our tradition.

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פון משה פיזעל

מיר האָבן באשלאָסן, אַז כָּל זמן די יאָרן זיינען נאָך דאָ, דאַס נעמתס נאָך צו דערליידן אין דער שכל דינס נאָך, וועלן מיר אתסערזעמען אַ ריזיק צו אתנדערע אלטער היים אין מיין נעבורטס-שטעטל אפט (אפאטאו) אין פּוילן. מיין זון וויקטאָר (וועלוול), וועלכער וואוינט אין ישראל, האָט מסכים נעווען מיך צו באגלייטן. עד האָט אויך נעוואלט זיך באקענען מיטן אָרט פון זיין אפשטאם.

מיר האָבן זיך נעטראָפן אין וואַרשע דעם 10-טן אקטאָבער, 1994. איך בין נעקומען פון קאַנאַדע און מיין זון איז נעקומען מיט אַ טאג פריער פון ישראל. מיד שטיינען איין אין דעם מאָדערנעם האָטעל „פּאָרום". דורכן פענצטער זעט מען אַ הערלעכע פּאַנאָראַמע פון וואַרשע. מיד דינגען אַ טעקסי מיט אַ שאָפער-וועגווייזער, נרעגאָר, און מיר הירן אַן אתנדער באָוך איבערן לאַנד.

די טעקסי פידט אתנדז צו דער נדיסטער שול אויף סלאָמאַקע נאס — אַ באַקאַנטער אַדרעס פאַר דער מלחמה. היינט איז פון דעם נאָר-נישט נעבליבן. אַן אַנדער נעביידע שטייט דאָרט. אַנטקעגנאיבער נע-פינט זיך דער יודישער אינסטיטוט פון וואַרשע מיט אַ קליינעם מחנות. דאָ נעפינען זיך די בארימטע רינגעלבלום אַרכיוון און אויך אַנדערע דאַ-קומענטן, איינציק נאָך פון 18-טן יאָרהונדערט.

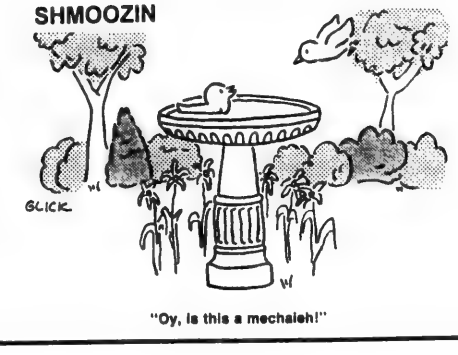
מיר פאָרן צו דער נעגנט, וואו עס איז נעווען די וואַרשעווער נעטאָ. סיזערס אומטיק אויפן האָרצן וועט מען זעט, אַז ס'איז פון דעם נאָר-נישט נעבליבן. בלויז דער אימפּאָזאַנטער יזכור-מאָנומענט צייכנט אפ די הערואישע עפאָפּיי פון וואַרשעווער נעטאָ. מיד שפּאַציירן איבער באסן מיט באקאַנטע נעמען, ווי אַמעוהאָף, מרדכי אַניעלעוויטש א. אַד. מיד באקוקן דעם בארימטן בתקער אויף מילא גאס 18. מיד קומען צו צום טרוימרק-בארימטן „אומשלאָגס"-פּלאַץ. פון דאָנען זיינען התדערטער טוימזטער פון יודישן פאָלק נעשטיקט נעווארן אויף זייער לעצטן וועג אין די טויט-לאַגערן. מיר באָוכן אויך דעם אַלטן יודישן ביה-עולם אויף נענשא גאס. איך דערזע דאָרט דעם קבר פון י. ל. פּרץ. דאָס איז פאַר מיד נעווען אַ הויכפונקט.

די ערשטע נאַכט זיינען מיר ביידע שלעכט נעשלאָפן צוליב די קאָש-מאַרע אינדזדקן פון דעם, וואָס מיר האָבן נעזען אין וואַרשע.

אויפן צווייטן טאָג פידט אתנדז גרעגאָר אין מיין היים-שטעטל אפט. די צווי-שעה'איקע רייזע פידט אתנדז דורך שיינע נאַטור-סצענעס, בריסט פעלדער און סעדער. ביי מיד אבער איז דאָס נעמיט שטאַרק נידערנעשלאָגן. מיין האַרץ קלאָפט שטאַרקער. שוין איבער 65 יאָר וויי איך האָב פאַרלאָזט דאָס שטעטל. וואָס וועל איך דאָרט נפּיגען? וואָס איז נעווארן פון יידיש אָפּט? איך וויס , אַז איך פאַר אויף קבר אָבות אן קברים.

איך זוך דעם איינציקן אדרעס, וואָס איך נעדענק פון אַמאָל — „פּלאַץ ווילסאָנא". אַבער דער נאָמען איז בעמערערט נעווארן אין נאָך פיל אָפּראָגן האָבן מיד עדלעך אנגעטראָפן אויפן ריכטיקן אַדרעס. איך גיי אָרום עסלעכע מאָל צו מאָכן זיכער, אַז דאָס איז עס. מיד נעפינען אַ צעפאַלענעם הויף. אַ פּאָלאַק ברענגט אַ שליסל און עפנט אויף דאָס צימער, וואו מיד האָבן אַמאָל נעוואוינט. עס איז פיל קלענער ווי איך נע-דענק עס. שווער צו גלויבן, אַז אין אָט דעם קליינעם צימערל האָט מיין טאַטע ע"ה נעקענט אריינשטופן די נאַנצע שטוב-מעבל, אַ קוק אין אַ שנייידער-וואַרשטאָט. עס לויפן מיר פּאַרביי בילדער פון דער אלטער היים. אָלץ אזעק מיטן רויך. מיד האָבן אויך באָוכט דאָס שטעטעלע קלימענטאָוו, די היים-שטאָט פון מיין ערשטער פרוי גיטעלע ע"ה. מיין זון דערמאָנט זיך די מעשה'לעך, וואָס זיין מאַמע פלעגט אים דערציילן פון דאָרט. אויך דאָ איז נישטאָ קיין זכר פון יידישקייט. מען האָט בלויז אינערגעוויס די אלטע שול וויי אַ צוציאונגס-מיטל פאַר יידישע באָוכער.

במשך אתנדזער וויזיט האָבן מיר אויך באָוכט די טרוימרק-בארימטע לאַנדן טרעבלינקא, אוישוויץ-בירקענאַו און מאַידאַנעק. שווער אינער-צונגען אתנדזערע נעפּילן זיעניק אָט-די אימה'דיקע טויט-„פאבריקן". עס שטארצן דעם באָוכער אין די אויגן די פאַרבליבענע אינסטאַלא-ציעס ווי אַ יזכור-מאָנומענט נאָך די דערמאַרדעטע. מיר האָבן נעזען די אלטע יידישע קוואַרטאַלן פון קראַקע און לובלין — אָלץ איז פולשטענ-דיק צעשטערט נעווארן. אפשר ביי אַ צווייטער נעלעגנהייט וועלן מיר קענען מער שרייבן וועגן די אינערלעבענישן און אינדזדקן פון אונדזער באאוז. אָפּוייענדיק אַ וואָך צייט אין פּוילן זיינען מיר ביידע, מיד פּיזש און נייסטיק, אָפּגעפאָרן אין מדינת ישראל, דאָס לאַנד פון אתנדזער וויידער-אויפבוי.



"Oy, is this a mechaieh!"

From coast to coast

Continuing dialogue encouraged

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) officials have agreed on the importance of a continuing dialogue on Polish-Jewish relations, following a meeting at CJC national headquarters with Poland's ambassador to Canada, Tadeusz Diem.

Congress welcomed Diem's announcement of the recent appointment by Poland of an ambassador-at-large for Polish-Jewish relations.

CJC's meeting with Diem centred on two issues: recent public anti-Semitic remarks made by a Polish priest and the restoration of Jewish property.

CJC president Goldie Hershon had written to the ambassador to convey her anger and disappointment over President Lech Walesa's silence in the wake of an anti-Semitic sermon delivered last month in Gdansk by Rev. Henryk Jankowski.

"We registered our community's anger at the statement and more particularly, the painfully long delay before the official response from President Walesa was issued. The president's statement was not viewed as entirely satisfactory since, while it addressed anti-Semitism generally, it failed to condemn specifically Jankowski's comments," Hershon said.

In his response, Diem wrote: "I deeply regret the abhorrent remarks by Rev. Henryk Jankowski and stress that they are not state-sanctioned. The individuals who mutter such sentiments are by no means the Polish state, which is governed by a constitution that both protects minorities and prohibits hatemongering."

He pointed out that both Poland's foreign minister and its minister of justice have condemned Rev. Jankowski's comments.

Diem confirmed that a criminal investigation of the remarks is underway.

As for Nazi-seized Jewish property in Poland, Diem said a "reprivatization bill" to address the matter is likely to be discussed in the Polish parliament next autumn.

Kaplans retire from operating paper

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Publisher-editor Sam Kaplan and his wife, senior editor Mona Kaplan, who have operated Vancouver's *Jewish Western Bulletin* weekly newspaper, for 35 years, recently announced their retirement.

The new publisher is 30-year-old Andrew Buerger. Buerger comes to Vancouver from Birmingham, Mich., where he was marketing director of the *Detroit Jewish News*.

Buerger's family operates four weekly anglo-Jewish newspapers: *Detroit Jewish News*, *Baltimore Jewish Times*, *Palm Beach Jewish Times* and *Atlanta Jewish Times*.

Buerger has moved the *Bulletin* offices from the Jewish area to downtown Vancouver and says he will overhaul the paper technologically "and move into the era of desktop publishing." This, he says, will speed up production and make it possible for the paper to be more up-to-date with its news.

Although he will concentrate on local news, Buerger said the *Bulletin* "will cover issues from the Pacific Northwest to the Middle East."

In a tribute to the Kaplans published in the *Vancouver Sun*, columnist Trevor Lautens said the *Bulletin* "is just what a good ethnic paper should be. It's cosy, lively, local, international, inclusive, full of names and thought-provoking issues. The *Bulletin* reflects the diversity of the community."

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2 drops hot pepper sauce
2 ice cubes
4 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
500 mL 1 28 mL 5 mL 5 mL 2 4 125 mL
In food processor or blender container, purée cucumbers, yogurt, garlic, dill, vinegar, salt, hot pepper sauce and ice cubes until smooth. Refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours or until chilled. Sprinkle each serving with chopped walnuts. Makes 6 servings of 1 cup (250 mL) each.

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Saidye Bronfman remembered

[Cont'd. from page 1]

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and his wife Aline were among the estimated 800 in attendance, as was Quebec Public Security Minister Serge Menard. The theatre holds only about 300, but television screens were set up in the art gallery and in the adjacent Y's auditorium. More waited outside on the street, among them many of the elderly to whom Saidye was known as a community worker.

Phyllis Lambert recalled her mother as "naturally elegant, funny, spirited, wise and supportive," adding that she loved gossip and "could be very direct when something was awry ... She was the most honest person I've ever known."

The SBC was the natural venue for this farewell because, Lambert said, it represented so much she cared about — the Y, the arts, education and children.

No eulogy to Bronfman would be complete without talking about her love affair with her husband during their 49-year marriage, until his death in 1971.

Lambert said that to her final days, Bronfman "always kept a photo of Sam in view. He was the centre of her life."

Lambert is founder and director of the Canadian Centre for Architecture.

Grandson Jean de Gunzburg, son of Bronfman's eldest child, Aileen Minda, who died in 1985, said Bronfman was "the unifying figure" of the family, which now has 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Granddaughter Ellen Bronfman Hauptman said as a young girl she called Bronfman "Greatest Granny," because she seemed such a "larger than life" figure — "sweet yet tough as nails."

Another grandson, Sam Bronfman II, described the funeral as "a celebration of a life that was as magnificent as it was long." Bronfman encouraged her children and grandchildren "to leave this world a better place than they found it," he said.

His father Edgar and uncle Charles, he said, attribute their success to their mother's inspiration. Edgar is chair and Charles co-chair of The Seagram Company Ltd.

"I visited my grandmother just two weeks ago and her mind was agile and her sense of humor intact. She knew every one of her grandchildren and their children by name, and wanted an update on every one."

The funeral was conducted by Rabbi Ira Grussgott and Cantor Sidney Dworkin of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, but the formal eulogy was delivered by Rabbi Joshua Shmidman of Tifereth Beth David Jerusalem, who befriended Bronfman in recent years.

He lauded her as the Montreal Jewish community's "first lady. We will never see her like again."

In a written statement, Canadian Jewish Congress president Goldie Hershon called Bronfman "a woman of valor" who was "by the side" of her husband Sam throughout the 23 years he served as Congress president (1939 to 1962) and was a strong community leader in her own right.

B'nai Brith Canada executive vice-president Frank Dimant praised her work in developing community institutions, supporting Israel in its early statehood and contributing to Canadian culture.

Born Saidye Rosner on Dec. 9, 1896, Bronfman moved to Montreal in 1924 with Sam, whom she had married in 1922.

In 1943, she was presented with the title of Officer of the Order of the British Empire on the recommendation of King George VI, in recognition of her effort in establishing and heading the Jewish branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society during World War II.

Some 7,000 women volunteered for the branch, preparing packages for men overseas, under Bronfman's full-time volunteer direction.

From 1929 to 1935, she was president of the Young Women's Hebrew Association. Brenda Baron, who worked with Bronfman on the Y board in the late 1930s, recalled that she had a great sensitivity to the needs of the mainly young, working women who used the Y, despite the wide socio-economic gulf between them. "She didn't talk down to anyone ... she was understanding, cooperative, and listened to people."

The staff of The Canadian Jewish News wish to convey their condolences to Charles Bronfman and to the entire Bronfman family on the passing of Saidye Rosner Bronfman, of blessed memory.

The Officers, Directors, Members and Staff of
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express their deepest sympathy to
Charles R. Bronfman, P.C., C.C.
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An open letter to the family of the late

SAIDYE ROSNER BRONFMAN, O.B.E. ל"ז

"A woman of valour who can find?
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We join with the World Community in mourning the passing of Saidye Bronfman, an extraordinary woman. At the same time, we celebrate the greatness of a long and remarkably productive life in which Saidye Bronfman contributed immensely to the well-being of both the Jewish and general communities. She has left her mark in many ways, but particularly in the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren who live to carry on the great traditions of Saidye and Sam Bronfman.

With sincere condolences,

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From coast to coast

UIA responds to column

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A viewpoint column in an Israeli magazine misrepresents Jewish fundraising in Canada; and it is being used to promote the Israeli settler movement's political agenda, according to a senior official of the United Israel Appeal (UIA).

The article in the July 13 issue of the *Jerusalem Report* is misleading on two grounds, said Steve Ain, executive vice-president of the UIA.

It claims that less than $143,000 was collected for Israel in the first three months of 1995 compared to the $2.5 million in the same period the year before; the column also suggests that the alleged drop in contributions indicates "Canadians have lost faith in the [Yitzhak] Rabin government and the peace process," Ain said.

The article by Yisrael Harel, chair of the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria and Gaza (Yesha), is wrong on both accounts, he said.

The UIA transferred $3.8 million (US) to the Jewish Agency (JA) in the first five months of 1995, Ain said.

Harel's use of the $143,000 figure would be like examining a retailer's books and seeing slow sales in January and February, when the bulk of business was done in November and December, Ain said.

"Statistics are like people. If they're tortured long enough, they'll tell you what you want," he said.

The UIA has written to the *Jerusalem Report* to correct the information contained in the article. Ain acknowledged "there are a few who've refused to give because of the policies of the Labor government." But, he added, "there are an equal number who refused because of the policies of the [previous] Likud government.

"The point is that the policies have nothing to do with whether the campaign is up or down."

In the article, titled *Why Burg Can't Sleep*, Harel suggested JA chair Avraham Burg can't sleep for worrying about a "crisis situation" in Diaspora fundraising for Israel.

Harel suggests "the main reason for the crisis is to be found in the policies of the Israeli government. Recognition of the PLO and the traumatic handshake between Rabin and [Yasser] Arafat set off a crisis of confidence which injured those Diaspora Jews who are closest to the State, the people and the Land of Israel, and who are therefore the most generous donors."

Ain disputed that argument, pointing out the UIA transferred to the JA about $24-$25 million (US) in each of 1993 and '94. "I expect similar numbers in 1995. It might be down by $1 million. It depends on the amount raised in campaigns" and how much of the amounts raised will be retained for use in Canada, he said.

Harel's article was distributed by a "low profile" organization called Concerned Jewish Citizens (CJC). A spokesman for CJC, who would only give his name as Sheldon, said the organization clips articles from a variety of public sources and sends them by fax to hundreds of individuals and organizations in Canada.

"CJC is a non-political organization that supports the survival of Israel and the well-being of Jews around the world," Sheldon said.

The two-year old group is not affiliated with Yesha or involved in fundraising for it. CJC was formed "because we're concerned about what's going on in Israel. We're concerned that the present government is doing harm to Israel and to the Jewish people," he said.

Sheldon declined to identify the people behind the organization, saying "it's just some Jewish people who pay money to support it."

Jerusalem Award presented

By ELIAS LEVY
CJN Staff Reporter

QUEBEC CITY — Roger Bertrand, the speaker of the Quebec National Assembly, was recently presented with the Jerusalem Award.

A delegation of Montreal Jewish community leaders headed by Thomas Hecht, outgoing chair of the Canada-Israel Committee, made the presentation in the Quebec legislature's Salon de la présidence.

In his speech, Hecht urged Bertrand, who is also chair of the International Association of Francophone Parliamentarians, to continue to advocate strongly for the membership of the State of Israel in la Francophonie.

He also asked Bertrand to do his utmost to encourage exchanges between Israeli and Quebec members of parliament.

Canadian Zionist Federation national president Zave Ettinger said the Jerusalem Award, given by Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert and World Zionist Organization chair Avraham Burg, honors friends of the Jewish State.

On being presented with the award by Daniel Gal, Israel consul general in Montreal, Bertrand said of the Quebec Jewish community: "Your community is an exemplary model and a valuable source of inspiration for all Québécois. Your commitment to the most needy and your solidarity are part of the noble ideals and values which the Jews have always fiercely defended."

Bertrand also reiterated his intention of continuing to work actively to have Israel become a full member of la Francophonie.

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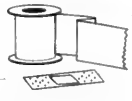

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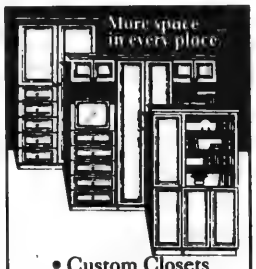

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What's New and About People deadlines — Thursday, July 20 is deadline for August 3 issue, and Thursday, July 27, is deadline for August 10 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Friday, July 21

ONEG SHABBAT

The Secular Jewish Association is sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat through Intertalk, a monthly support group for intermarried couples, facilitated by **Eva Goldfinger**, Secular Jewish leader and intercultural counsellor, 8-10 p.m., 54 Hoggarth Ave. **Eva** 905-889-7450.

THE HOLOCAUST

Camp Naivelt (through Eldorado Park, Brampton), is holding a discussion on The Holocaust: Its Place in Jewish History with **Baruch Golden**, Holocaust educator and teacher in Morris Winchevsky School. Open to the public. No charge. 789-5502.

Wednesday, July 26

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study classes held at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. For information 905-889-6066 —

Pirkei Avot-Voices of Wisdom, educator/lecturer **Chane Rappaport** continues with The Torah and Moral Pursuit, 10-11 a.m.

Tears of Sorrow and Tears of Joy, **Chana Weisberg**, dean of the Institute, continues with A Mystical Approach to Tisha b'Av, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

WORKMEN'S CIRCLE

Workmen's Circle is having a day trip to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton. Reservations/information **Peter Lustgarten** 787-2081.

Thursday July 27

A REMEMBRANCE

Herut-Likud and Betar-Tagar of Canada remembrance ceremony for **Ze'ev Jabotinsky**, rosh Betar, with guest speaker **Rabbi Reuben Poupko** of Beth Israel Beth Aharon Synagogue, Montreal, and guest **Hertzl Makov**, WZO executive representative to Canada, former Israeli prime minister's chief of staff, 8 p.m., Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. Admission free 781-7683.

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH

Women's Rosh Chodesh celebration at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation begins 8 p.m. with a lecture followed by Maariv service for and by women. Topic is Agunot.

And What Else Is New...

OHR SOMAYACH

Lectures at Ohr Somayach Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, phone 905-886-5730 —

Sunday, July 23, Spirits, Sprites and Emanations: A Peek at the World of the Sublime, with **Rena Schochet**, director, Women's Studies Program, 8:30 p.m. $5.

Wednesday, July 26, Procreation, Birth Control and Zero Population Growth, with **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, senior lecturer, 8:30 p.m. $5.

REFORM MINYAN

Downtown Reform Minyan services at Bloor JCC — Saturday, July 22, 10 a.m.; Friday, July 28, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, August 5, 10 a.m. For information, including High Holy Day services, 905-844-9341.

AISH HATORAH

Principles of Jewish Potential with **Moshe Krygier**, Monday, July 24, 8 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, Suite 303.

Beyond Self: I am a Jew, I am a Nation, with **Rabbi Aryeh Pamensky**, Wednesday, July 26, 8 p.m., the Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W.

SUMMER SERMONS

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation continues its summer sermon program with **Miriam Schneid Ofseyer** (July 22); **Esther Spring** (July 29); **Max Goody** (August 5); **Dr. Jack Mintz** (August 12); **Lawford Harris** (August 19). Also participating were **Dr. Alfred Lighstone** (July 1); **Malca Litovitz** (July 8); **Sam Romberg** (July 15).

INTERESTED VENDORS

Emunah Women of Toronto's annual craft and boutique sale featuring only new merchandise and a carnival for kids is Sunday, Sept. 10, at Lawrence Square. Interested vendors call 635-9847 or 635-7984.

TORAH TOTS PRESCHOOL

Torah Tots Preschool, a project of Chabad of Markham offering a three-, four- and five-day program of music, art, Hebrew, science, has some spaces left for 1995-96. Call **Goldie** 905-886-0420 for information handbook.

LEARNING EXCHANGE

Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd., phone 483-0883 — There's More to Judaism Than Lox and Bagels series with **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz** continues with The Messianic Age I, Sunday, July 23, 9:30-10:30

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The Board of Directors, Rabbis, Staff and Students of
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What's New

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a.m.; Don't Worry, Be Happy with **Rena Schochet** on Happiness Is...II, Tuesday, July 25, 8-9 p.m.

SUMMER ART CLASS

Enjoy a summer art class with Beth Sholom Synagogue Tuesdays 1-3 p.m. (some outdoor classes). Four lessons $35. **Terri** 487-7244.

NCSY ROOTS PROGRAM

National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) invites teens from Toronto to participate in a camp-like program in the city during July and August with **Michael Zobin**, the new summer program director. Special events include hiking, Centre Island, bowling, Niagara Falls and NCSY's Jewish Roots Learning Program. Registration/information 782-4426.

ICRF VOLUNTEERS

Israel Cancer Research Fund needs volunteers to help run and manage bingo, twice a month on Tuesdays at Keele Street Bingo Country, 2355 Keele St. Duties involve selling cards, cash control and such. ICRF office 487-5246.

HEBREW COURSES

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., is taking registration for fall courses for adults, teenagers and pre-teens, in conversational Hebrew for beginners, intermediate and advanced students, running Wednesday mornings Sept. 20-Dec. 20 and Thursday evenings Sept. 21-Dec. 21. Instructor for beginners' course is **Joseph Klinger** 787-0197.

For Seniors

The Heritage Players of the Wagman Centre announce they have now become The Entertainers of the Wagman Centre. The group welcomes new members and new venues to perform. 785-2500, ext. 2267, leave name and number.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dances July 22, 29, 7-10 p.m.; Sunday dance July 23, 7:30-10:30 p.m.; walk in the park Tuesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m.; Port Dalhousie August 17, members $18, non-members $20; Ottawa and Gatineau Hills, Rideau Canal cruise August 22-24; Windsor Casino Sept. 5 and 6, members $125, non-members $135; Israel Oct. 25-Nov. 8, full Israeli breakfasts, 13 dinners. 395-7881.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave. — Current events lecture series with **Doug Haddow** Thursdays, July 20 and 27, 2 p.m. Admission free but reservations requested. **Marlene White** 785-1511.

LZA Seniors Club registration for Miami trips 1996, Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon, Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Ladies Folkdancing is Thursdays 1:30 p.m. and Discussion Group is Tuesdays 10 a.m.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets alternate Fridays 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Boardroom. Next meeting is July 21. **Paula David** 789-5131, ext. 2271.

North York Public Health Department invites all seniors interested in organizing a new social group to a meeting Thursday, July 20, 10 a.m., Earl Bales Community Centre. Group will have speakers on health issues, outings, entertainment. Activities determined by the group. **Annie** 395-7758.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club is planning a holiday at Homowack Hotel in the Catskills, eight days, seven nights, Sept. 3-10. Also, exciting programs on the agenda for the coming year. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). 661-4689.

Young at Heart Seniors plans a winter trip to Florida for one, two or three months. **Helen** 635-6343.

Sunrise Group trips — Pines Hotel in the Catskills Nov. 6-10, $575; Cincinnati New Year's eve Dec. 29-Jan. 1, $495; Florida super-saver Jan. 13-26 and Jan. 27-Feb. 9, $950. **Esther** 223-9165.

CREATIVE LIVING CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre Osteoporosis Support Group with resource person, occupational therapist **Joan Turner**, meets Tuesday, July 25, 1:30 p.m. **Sandra** or **Sharon**.

The Wellness Centre's new five-week course on Nutrition with **Harry Fields** Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1-3 p.m. covers good nutrition, digestion and metabolism, and eating well in later years. Each student receives a personal nutritional analysis. Class is limited to 20 participants. Register with **Sandra**.

Monday, July 24, psychologist **Anne Balaban** discusses Conditional Learning, focusing on the latest research in gender behavior, 10 a.m. to noon. Members $1, non-members $2.

Labor Day Weekend Getaway to Maple Lake Resort in Parry Sound, Sept. 1-4, with kosher meals, activities, entertainment, transportation $210 per person double occupancy. **Helen**.

The movie *Streetcar Named Desire* will be screened Sunday, July 23, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday social July 26 features **Helen Knight**, 1:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays. **Anna**.

Summer recreational programs include soft crafts, Bible study, ballroom dancing, intermediate bridge instruction, Yiddish literature, Creative Choir, Yiddish culture.

An evening of improvisation with **Miriam Laurence** for beginner and intermediate actors is Wednesday, July 26, 7-10 p.m. at the Bloor JCC, 750 Spadina Ave. $15 Medina Theatre Ensemble and JCC members, $20 non-members. Advance registration, 924-6211.

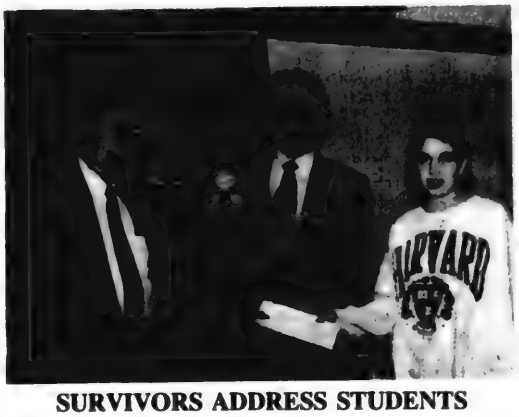
Camps, camps and more camps at the Bloor JCC! Space in some sessions available. **Cara** 924-6211.

Israeli folkdancing at Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst St. Wednesdays 7:30-11 p.m. for intermediate and advanced. **Teme** 636-1880.

About People

SYNAGOGUE EXECUTIVE

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's 1995/96 executive is headed by president **Dr. Eric Goldberg**; with **Margo Grosbein** and **Sheldon Berg**, first and second vice-presidents respectively; **Ari Hochman**, treasurer; **Irving Cooper** secretary; and **Gord Garshowitz**, immediate past president. The installation was held at a dinner/dance where guests of honor were 10 Israeli war veterans hosted by the synagogue through the Beit Halochem program.



SURVIVORS ADDRESS STUDENTS

Students at Associated Hebrew Schools Danilack branch were addressed by survivors (from left) Robert Engel, Max Eisen, Anita Ekstein and Elly Gotz, who recounted their liberation experiences as part of the 50th Anniversary of Liberation Gathering and Celebration. Grade 8 student Lianne Porepa presents speakers with a donation for the Commemoration Souvenir Book published in conjunction with the 50th anniversary.

BAYCREST PRESENTS AWARD

Dr. Carole Cohen (right), clinical director of Community Psychiatric Services for the Elderly at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, is the 1994 recipient of the Nicholas M. and Hedy J. Munk Geriatric Award presented by Baycrest Centre. The $10,000 prize is presented every two years to encourage highly qualified physicians under age 40 to continue a career in geriatric medicine. Cohen plans to spend a month at the University of Wales at the Centre for Social Policy Research & Development. She is seen here with Baycrest president and CEO Stephen Herbert and Hedy Munk.

JF&CS MEETING

Jewish Family & Child Service incoming president Michael Bowman (left) receives gavel of office from outgoing president Gary Foster at recent JF&CS annual meeting.

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Jewish Book Committee awards prizes to writers

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A young Jewish member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Peter Ormshaw, of Regina, is the first winner of the Henry Fuerstenberg award for poetry.

"Peter is up north patrolling Indian reserves," said his friend, Jeff Henritz of Picton, on accepting the prize.

Ormshaw's book, *The Purity of Arms*, won the award donated in memory of the father of Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg, chair of the Jewish Book Committee, which recently distributed awards totalling $3,600 to eight writers at the Koffler Centre.

A carpenter by trade, Henry Fuerstenberg sold a camera to finance his family's trip to Canada, and bought a set of encyclopedias for his children with his first pay, his son told *The CJN*.

Another youngster, Shneur David Levine, who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah a few days later, accepted an award for Torah scholarship on behalf of his father, Rabbi Aaron Levine, principal of Eitz Chaim schools in Toronto. The author of *To Comfort the Bereaved*, which won the Penina Rubinoff Memorial Award, Rabbi Levine was attending a dinner for his predecessor.

The evening meant a reunion for fiction winner Gary Fagan of Toronto and the well known novelist and guest speaker, Morley Torgov, a Toronto lawyer.

Many years ago, Fagan interviewed Torgov for an article in the *Lawyers Journal* and brought along a copy of *A Good Place To Come From* to be autographed.

"At the time, Morley asked me when he would be able to sign one of my books, which he can do tonight," Fagan said. He won the prize for *The Animals' Waltz*.

Torgov recalled the time when, at the age of 17 in Sault Ste. Marie, he told his father that he wanted to be a writer.

"When do I ever need a writer?" his storekeeper father replied, throwing cold water on the idea.

"My father's writing ability was to scrawl 'Go to hell' at the top of an overdue invoice and send it back with insufficient postage, an old writer's trick," Torgov said.

Other award winners were: Prof. Andre Stein of Toronto, the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem prize, for *Hidden Children: Forgotten Survivors of the Holocaust*; Lillian Boraks-Nemetz of Vancouver, the Rachel Bessin prize for writing for young people, for *The Old Brown Suitcase*; Jack Kuper of Toronto, the Joseph and Faye Tannenbaum award for Holocaust literature, for *After the Smoke Cleared*; Sam Simchovitch of Toronto, the Izzy and Betty Kirshenbaum Foundation award for original translation from Yiddish, for his novel, *Stepchild on the Vistula*; and Grunia Slutsky-Knon of Montreal, the Kirshenbaum Foundation award for Yiddish, for *Don't Look So Sad in the Window*, who gave her acceptance speech in Yiddish.

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Children draw pictures of Jerusalem for art contest

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Forty-eight images of Jerusalem, many featuring themes of peace and religious harmony, graced the rotunda of Toronto's Metro Hall for a recent one-week children's art exhibition.

The pictures were culled from 650 Canadian entries in an international art contest, Children of the World Draw Jerusalem at 3000, sponsored by Israel's Minister of Education Amnon Rubenstein and Ehud Olmert, mayor of Jerusalem.

The pictures will be displayed in Jerusalem in honor of the 3,000th anniversary of the establishment of the city as Israel's capital by King David. Twelve prizes will be awarded internationally, each including a week in Israel for a child and escort.

At a reception to mark the beginning of the Toronto exhibition, the artists, ranging in age from 7 to 14, were each presented with a keepsake poster and a book about Jerusalem from the Israeli Consulate and a Metro Toronto pin from the Metropolitan Toronto Council.

The consul general, along with Metro chairman Alan Tonks and the Metropolitan Toronto Council, were co-sponsors of the reception. Metro councillor Norman Gardner welcomed the crowd of 200 people and brought greetings on behalf of Tonks.

"Jerusalem is a symbol of our past and of our future," said Kurt Rothschild, national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Jessica Parker, 9, used the shape of a Torah scroll as the starting point for her depiction of the city, which included three figures representing a Jew, a Muslim and a Christian. "That's sort of what makes up Israel," she told *The CJN*.

Rivka Birkan, 14, used a biblical allegory to make a point in her oil/acrylic/pastel painting. Absalom, who plotted a revolt against his father King David, is shown releasing a white dove to symbolize peace. To emphasize its importance, Rivka made sure it was the only white element in the picture.

'City of Peace'

"Jerusalem means the city of peace," said Israel's Consul General Dror Zeigerman, himself a Jerusalemite. "Freedom of worship is enjoyed [there] by Jews, Muslims and Christians."

Elysse Goody's depiction of Jerusalem includes the dove of peace. The 7-year-old Bialik student's picture is en route to Jerusalem as part of an international children's art contest.

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Windsor dinner honors survivors

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

WINDSOR — Families of survivors, many of whom had not seen each other for years, gathered here recently for the 1995 Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Tribute Dinner, which this year honored Holocaust survivors who settled in the Windsor community.

In all, 74 survivors, 21 of whom are now deceased, settled here. Their histories were recorded in the tribute book.

The guest speaker, actor and human rights activist Ed Asner, is a cousin of Polish-born Windsor-area residents Abram and Libby Asner, both the sole survivors of their families.

Asner, who was introduced by Abram and Libby's daughter, Cheryl Gold, told of his rather remote-from-Judaism youth in his native Kansas City and his gradual transformation into an active member of various political and humanitarian organizations, including the Jewish Fund for Justice. He is currently a member of the advisory board of Israel Civil Rights and Peace.

Probably best known for his role as Lou Grant in the *Mary Tyler Moore Show*, Asner is the narrator of *For The Living*, a documentary chronicling the building of the Holocaust Museum in Washington.

The dinner for some 540 guests at the Caboto Club, was attended by Hamilton-based Keren Kayemeth emissary, Yoram Gordon.

Other speakers included Windsor JNF president, Jerry Goldberg; Jewish National Fund of Canada executive vice-president, Avner Regev; consul general Dror Zeigerman and Ted J. Hochberg, president, Windsor Jewish Federation.

The dinner was chaired by Dr. Sharon Horlick, while Lillian and Adam Friedland and Olga and Samuel Honig were Negev Dinner co-chairs.

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GREEKTOWN ON THE DANFORTH

On the Danforth, Saul Korman is The Boss

Bruce Springsteen may be *The Boss*, but on the Danforth Saul Korman is still the Boss-Man.

As one of Canada's premier men's wear retailers, Korry's carries an impressive collection of the ever-popular Hugo Boss line, which has carved out an enviable niche in men's business and formal dressing.

Saul's reign as King of The Danforth now spans several decades. Talk to him, and you'll be regaled by a variety of anecdotes on the colourful characters that have peopled the Danforth from the 1940's right up to the present day, including, in Saul's opinion, "the finest restauranteurs this city has to offer." Twist his arm, and he might even throw in a few words about himself and Korry's, the men's wear emporium of which he is president and chief spokesperson, as he holds court either in his castle at 569 Danforth or in one of the street's many restaurants of which he is so fond.

Walk with him along the Danforth, and you'll get an eye-opening picture of his celebrity status. Breezing from shop to shop, he's constantly greeted and accosted by friends, acquaintances and well-wishers. If they haven't been into Korry's in the past few weeks, Saul wants to know why. His notoriety rivals that of a politician, with the exception that — as Saul is quick to point out — he shoots straight from the hip and as such enjoys a decided edge in popularity over the average Parliament Hill

Saul for Mayor?

type. (Saul for Mayor? The idea's intriguing, but he's infinitely more valuable "on the playing field" at 569 Danforth Avenue easing his beloved Boss suits onto the backs of satisfied customers. He's "not ready to go behind the bench just yet."

Boasting a clientele liberally sprinkled with entertainment figures, Maple Leafs, Blue Jays, Argonauts, and other sports celebrities including figure skater Elvis Stojko, Korry's appears to be the shopping destination of all the "good sports."

When speaking about his Boss, Canali, Versace Classics by V2 and Lagerfeld collections, Saul's normal high enthusiasm reaches a fever pitch. "They just keep getting better and better," he says. "That's what separates the top designers from the run-of-the-mill and the house labels. When they bring out a new collection, they don't just do it to put goods on the rack for another season. They're giving you the essence of fashion design: new cuts, new fabrics, new variations on old themes . . . fresh looks. Looking good is essential in the business world. We know that. We've always known that. But looking good in something different every day is an art."

Saul quickly downplays any suggestion that this strategy will also, coincidentally, help him sell more clothes. "Look," he chides. "If the same salesman walks through your door every day wearing the same suit, at some point you're going to say, "Oh no, not you again!" But if that same salesman walks in every day wearing a *different* suit — and a good one to boot — your reaction will be, "You again! What are you selling me this time?" You see the difference? The man who takes the trouble to put on a fresh face every day is showing you that he's not unidimensional, that there's some variety to him. Our wives know this, but we don't always know it."

Saul continues: "The funny thing is that even the guy who works basically alone in his own small shop or office — and that includes a lot of our clients — likes to vary his attire every day because he wants to appear new and fresh *to himself*. It's like rediscovering yourself. When you look in the mirror every morning, do you want to see the same old you, or a new, dashing, and re-invigorated you? [I had my typical grab-the-first-thing-that-comes-to-hand-and-throw-it-on-my-back kind of morning, and am suitably ashamed]. "Precisely," says Saul. And if the way you dress has that kind of impact on you, imagine how it impacts on the people you're trying to do business with?" Trying to escape Saul's logic is a bit like trying to find open ice against the New Jersey Devils. But perhaps that's as it should be; you don't get to be an icon for no reason, and 43 years of success on the Danforth serving many of the same customers year after year suggests that *someone* at 569 Danforth Avenue is doing a devilishly good job.

Speaking of longevity, Saul's "linemates" are no slouches themselves. The various members of his staff have literally hundreds of years of combined experience in the men's wear business. Gene Bialys, Franco Gagliardi, Frank Smith, Veronika Toth, Catherine Scott, Celina Han, Rodolfo Santia, Tony Marinelli, Lyndon Jordan, Chee Chiew Chow, Charlie Strazzeri, Michael Korman, Laura Korman, Jodi Korman-Gauthier, and Myrna Korman all work hand in hand with the Boss-man to ensure that clients get the ultimate in service. For the men who shop there, this means getting the right fit every time, in the right garment that flatters and compliments their physique, body type and characteristics, "right down to the colour of your hair," says Saul. Wardrobe consultation is free to Korry's clients, and most take full advantage of it.

Two for one

In these recession-ravaged times, however, quality and service aren't always enough to make the cash register ring. Enter Korry's "Two For One" offer. Available on most goods in the store, including Roberto and now Lagerfeld, the Two For One allows you to buy one suit at the regular price and get another of equal value absolutely free. Ditto for jackets, slacks, and shirts. Since he introduced the concept a few years ago, Korman's Two For One has been so popular that a number of other men's wear retailers have followed suit.

The Boss doesn't mind. Korman makes a point of never bad-mouthing his competition, a trait that, among others, has earned him considerable respect in the industry. "I don't believe in saying anything bad about any competitor," says Saul. "Never have. Besides that, I'm too busy saying good things about Korry's and inviting people to come in and see for themselves." Saul's positive statements can be heard regularly on Toronto Talks 640 AM (with Bill Carroll), CFRB 1010 AM (with John Oakly), Q107 FM (with Joey Vendetta), as well as The Fan 590 AM and All-News Radio 680 AM (flying solo). In print, his comments can be seen in this and other newspapers. Both media are no doubt eternally grateful for Saul's urgency to communicate his message. "I believe in advertising," he says. "I built my business on it. There isn't a man in this city who hasn't heard of Korry's. They may not all have been in my shop yet, but they've heard of it. When you tell people something often enough, they start to listen. Then when they come in and discover that what you've been telling them is true, odds are you've got a customer."

If Korman's selling skills and personality could be bottled and sold, the Coca-Cola Company might have reason to be concerned about market share.

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Astoria defines the Danforth

Think "Danforth", and you're liable to think "Astoria." In the 20 years since it opened, this venerable "institution of higher dining" has come to symbolize the culinary qualities the Danforth is known for: great food, great quality, and great value.

Indeed, many of Astoria's original customers are still regulars two decades later, and wouldn't dream of going anywhere else.

The reasons for this loyalty are manifold. First and foremost, the food: your favourite Greek dishes are cooked to perfection and served up in staggering portions. Astoria's now-famous "souvlaki window", always a beehive of activity, is an indelible image of Danforth life. In fact, Astoria has become so well-known for its souvlaki that "people sometimes forget we have a complete Greek menu," says personable manager George Baboulas. Like an actor who plays a part so well he becomes typecast, Astoria has come to be defined by the shish kebob, perhaps hiding other jewels on the menu like its hearty moussaka, exquisite broiled halibut and salmon steaks – and Greek appetizers like kalamari and saganaki, if you can keep your souvlaki craving at bay long enough to sample them.

Location and atmosphere are other Astoria assets. For a big restaurant, it's remarkably cozy, due to its corner location, dual outdoor patios (the Danforth's largest), and quiet, rich green-and-chestnut-brown interior, ingeniously compartmentalized to offer small-room intimacy with a large-room ambience.

Favouring tradition over trends, Astoria has nevertheless introduced a cappucino machine and a dessert menu. (The fact that it's thrived for 20 years without offering dessert tells you just how much people love the food here).

Heading eastbound on Bloor, you know you're on the Danforth once you hit Broadview; but you don't really *feel* it until Astoria's white facade with its pale blue trim leaps joyously into view, bidding you "Welcome to the Danforth" in words that the food lover in you understands so well.

Home-made ice cream creates force field at 400 Danforth

You're walking along the Danforth, minding your own business. Suddenly, you're being served a "Life Sentence" Belgian waffle with chocolate chip ripple ice cream, topped with bananas, fudge brownie, fudge and peanuts.

You're now just another inmate "doing time" at Demetre's desserts – swallowed up by a vortex of irresistible cones, sundaes, splits, gourmet coffees, cakes — and the best ice cream you ever tasted.

Relax. It's a crime so common that the dessert emporium sells "over 2000 litres of ice cream a week" in peak season, according to owner Gary Theodorakakis. The fact that it's home-made the old fashioned way (no additives, no preservatives) reduces somewhat the guilt of this unbelievably pleasurable indulgence. Demetre's is one of the very few places you'll find this "Real McCoy" (N.B.: 2962 Bloor St. West (Demetre's 2nd location) is equally unsafe for the sweet of tooth.

You've served your life sentence, but there's no rest for the wicked. It's time for a "Streetcar Named Devour" crêpe, with cocoa-chocolate ice cream topped with fresh strawberries and fudge. Wash it down with a cappucino, espresso, frappé, steamer, or freshly brewed coffee (40 varieties in all).

What a place to pop the big question! Sweeten up your prey with a "Romancing The Cone" Banana Split (white chocolate, cocoa-chocolate ice cream and praline hazelnut ice cream smothered with fudge toppings, capped with a cone). And get the ring ready.

Now that (s)he's said yes, celebrate with an Aristo-crème dark chocolate truffle sundae (2 scoops of cocoa-chocolate ice cream rolled in chocolate curls, served on a bed of fudge with chocolate chunks and sprinkled with Dutch cocoa powder).

Now that you've enjoyed the main course, it's time for dessert . . .

Tony's a step up in open-air Greek dining

What goes up must come down ... but if you climb the seven short steps leading to **Tony's on the Danforth**, the culinary high you'll experience should last at least until your next visit.

Looking down at the Danforth as you dine is an unusual, and ultimately refreshing, experience. From your open-air perch some ten feet above street level (the restaurant is a sort of giant balcony), you have a slightly better view of the flow of humanity, and less exposure to noise and traffic fumes. The decor – a sweeping panorama of gentle white stucco, sky blue, and sunny terracotta tile girded by an elegant white wrought-iron railing – is probably one of the best duplications of a Greek seascape this side of Greece. You can almost feel the soft breezes on your cheek, and tables directly overlooking the street are recommended if you can get them.

Appropriately, you'll find some seafood treasures on the menu, notably the *Whole Red Snapper*, broiled to perfection and smothered in lemon oil sauce, served with potatoes and vegetables or cooked horta.

Highly recommended house specials include the *Milk-fed Lamb Chops*, slowly broiled to ensure tenderness and served with vegetables and potatoes. For a gargantuan feast, try the *Chef's Meat Platter for Two*: lamb chops, chicken breast, New York sirloin steak and quails with roast potatoes and vegetables.

It is the appetizers and dips, however, that owner Tony Vamvakas is most proud of. A fabulous selection is highlighted by the *Taramosalata*: you won't find any better, anywhere.

The unique open-air ambience of this sunny spot — and the tasty fare it serves — make it a must-try for any serious Danforth-goer.

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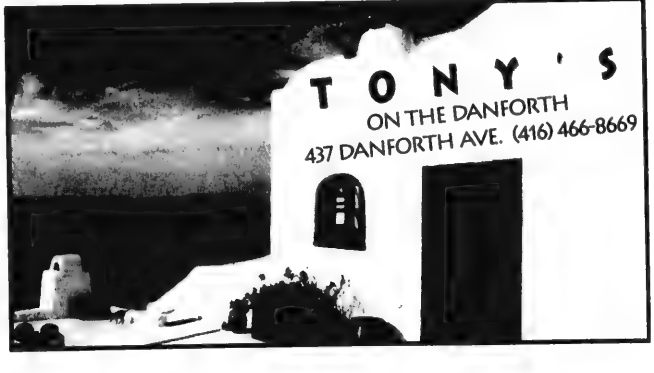

Byzas offers New York-style glamour, panache at uptown prices

The calm before the storm: Byzas in late afternoon. Within two hours of this picture being taken, all seats were filled. Note the mosaics on the arches. For information and reservations, call (416) 778-1100.

From the first morsel of fresh bread you dip in the extra-virgin olive oil that accompanies it, to the last exquisite bite of the heavenly desserts made on the premises by Pastry Chef Cassandra Bateman, your visit to Byzas is a gateway to some of the finest culinary delights Toronto has to offer.

Stunning and sprawling, Byzas (pronounced Bee-zass) is at the vanguard of a new breed of restaurants that may soon have people comparing Toronto with New York or San Francisco as a dining destination. With its gleaming honey-and-molasses-toned hardwood floor, rampant Aztec-printed benches, spacious enclaved U booths, mosaicized ceilings and sprawling patio, Byzas provides an altogether extraordinary environment for people to dine in, to see, and to be seen. (Like its sibling restaurant Christina's the brainchild of brothers John and Dean Kekkas, but altogether different in cuisine and decor, Byzas has become a haunt of luminaries from the entertainment world. But whether or not you see a familiar face from the theatre or the silver screen, you *are* liable to see a familiar face from the

Saturday night, some familiar faces

community, especially on Saturday nights.

Offering New york style flair and panache at uptown prices is one reason that Byzas has become a haven for ex-Americans now resident in Canada, and the unofficial home of the American Club. But whether you're from south of the border, north of the border, or abroad, you'll find the fare (mainly Greek but with Middle Eastern, Italian and Continental nuances) irresistible. Fairly brimming with zest and panache, the menu is continually updated to introduce new flavours to a captive clientele. Current favourites among the appetizers include *Saganaki* (pan-fried cheese flambé) and *Mediterranean Spring Rolls* with mango sauce and wild greens. From Byzas' in-house smokery, try the succulently seductive *Grilled Smoked Portobello Mushrooms.*

Personal pizzas reasonably priced

Personal pizzas are plentifully sized and ever-so-reasonably priced ($8.95 and $9.95); an ongoing favourite is the *Pizza Con Polla* (Chicken, sun-dried tomato pesto and feta cheese). Among the pastas, the *Linguini Puttanesca* with anchovies, capers and black olives, tomatoes and roasted garlic is a standout. On the entrée front, an exciting new addition is the *Seafood Stew* with shrimp, mussels, clams, squid and fresh fish served with lime aioli and garlic toast.

All items are cooked to order, meaning they may take a little longer to prepare; but the wait is worth it. Enhancing the appeal are all-natural ingredients, the absence of preservatives, and edible flowers.

Byzas offers Danforth diners a few important innovations:

- The aforementioned in-house smokery (whence the smoked portobello mushrooms, smoked quails, and a smoked marinated vegetable plate);
- Toronto's first reverse osmosis water filtration system, ensuring absolute purity of the water used in the kitchen and served at your table;
- Accomplished musicians (Dennis Keldie, Conrad Kipping, and George Saponetis) whose sweet strains on guitar, mandolin and accordian will serenade you through supper from Thursday through Sunday;
- A Greek salad unlike any you've ever tasted (more on that later);
- Its own in-house Pastry Chef (Cassandra Bateman), whose offerings are so exquisite that Byzas has become a late-night dessert destination in its own right, quite apart from its mealtime delights. "Killer desserts" is an understatement when describing Byzas' *après-souper* temptations. The *Tiramisu* (discussed in these pages before) is exactly as a tiramisu should be — an intricate ensemble of flavours and textures, interwoven yet

Killer desserts

distinct. The *Pear Tatin* (carmelized upside down pear tart with dark rum *crème anglaise* and warm caramel sauce) has become such a favourite that Dean suggests they "may grow our own pear trees on site." If your tastes tend to simpler dessert fare, try the *Clafoutis* (custard cake with seasonal fruit).

One shift in the Byzas menu since the restaurant opened to rave reviews in December '94 is the addition of more Greek dishes. Though the wide-ranging Mediterranean selections have been well received by clients, Dean says that his customers "expect Greek food when they come to the Danforth." So without changing the essential character of the menu, Byzas has quietly increased its overall Greek content.

But flashes of innovative brilliance still abound. For example, you'll find the Byzas Greek salad deliciously different from any other on the Danforth: the Greek feta, kalamata olives and plum tomatoes you'd expect team up with red onions, mustard greens, red oak and arugula leaves you wouldn't for a light and delightful surprise capped by lemon oregano dressing.

Though Byzas goes to the head of the class in appearance and culinary excellence, prices are considerably less than at many other outstanding restaurants. A full dinner for two with appetizer, main course, dessert and a couple of glasses of wine from their extensive wine list can run you well under $90 including taxes and tip, yet for as little as $8.95 you can order a pizza that's a complete meal in itself. At this price, you'll find the portion you're given dwarfs that offered in many other popular eateries, while conceding absolutely nothing in imagination, taste, and freshness. "Freshness is an absolute", says Dean. "No MSG, no chemicals, no preservatives, no frozen prepared foods. All our sauces are made from scratch."

With so many pluses on its balance sheet, it's no surprise that Byzas has become a favourite spot for both corporate luncheons and private functions such as birthday parties, bar mitzvah parties, and even wedding receptions.

Bring on the free-range chicken breast, the Byzas Greek salad with its organically grown greens, and the pear tatin, but hold the pear tree. This restaurant has enough growing for it already.

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A SAMPLING FROM THE MENU

Appetizers

Saganaki (pan-fried cheese flambé) $7.95

Mediterranean Dip Plate (Tappenade, Taramosalata, Hoummos & Baba Ghannouj with toasted Pita) $9.95

Grilled small Octopus on Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette $7.95

Mediterranean Spring Rolls with Mango Sauce and Wild Greens $6.95

Byzas Greek Salad — Mustard Greens, Red Oak and Arugula Leaves with Kalamata Olives, Plum Tomatoes, Red Onions, Greek Feta, and Lemon Oregano Dressing $6.95

Pizza and Pasta

Pizza Con Pollo — Chicken, Feta, Sundried Tomato Pesto, fresh Oregano and Mozzarella $9.95

Linguini Puttanesca with Anchovies, Capers & Black Olives, Tomatoes & Roasted Garlic $10.95

Mafalde with seared Shrimp & Sea Scallops in Sundried Tomato Pesto with Cream $11.95

Main Courses

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Grilled Salmon Steak with Rice Pilaf, Seasonal Vegetables and Citrus Salsa $15.95

Roast Rack Of Lamb with a Mustard Cream Sauce served with Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables $16.95

Aurora Angus Steak with Peppercorn Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, and Grilled Vegetables $18.95

Moussaka — Layers of Potato, Eggplant and Ground Lamb topped with a béchamel cheese sauce $10.95

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The Friendly Greek really *is* friendly

One visit to The Friendly Greek should be enough to convince you that the "Friendly" isn't just a buzzword.

It's "friendly" as in the way you're greeted when you enter the restaurant, whether by founder Chris Christodoulou, his charming wife Soula (the "official" hostess, though everyone welcomes you here), partner Nick Kostis, or any other member of the staff who's present to usher you in.

"Friendly" as in the courteous service you receive throughout your visit from waiters who really know how to treat you and who understand the menu.

"Friendly" as in the large bowl of superb sesame seed garlic bread that's plunked on your table — no charge! — before you order an entrée.

"Friendly" as in the relaxed atmosphere and inviting decor (a colourful panorama of white stuccoed walls painted with seascapes and other Greek scenes).

"Friendly", as in the huge outdoor patio that rubs shoulders with the Danforth.

Last but not least, "Friendly" as in prices. It's really quite incredible what you get here for your dining dollar. In the best Danforth tradition, portions are

Huge portions, yet most entrées under $10

huge, yet most entrées are priced under $10. Most appetizers are $3.50 or less, and you can order a bottle of wine from the extensive wine list for as little as $15.95. Desserts are also reasonably priced, and you'll find the Greek coffee ($1.50) an exceptionally tasty and compelling alternative to cappucino, which is also available. Soft drinks are only $1.25, and all side orders are so reasonably priced you'll think you're in a time warp.

Since opening in 1989, in fact, The Friendly Greek has been so "big about things" that it's no surprise that *it* has gotten bigger. From humble beginnings in an average-size space, it has doubled in size.

Charlie Martezos, one of the principals, has an easygoing manner that typifies the spirit in which The Friendly Greek operates — a fact undoubtedly responsible for the age range of its clients, which may be the widest of any restaurant on the Danforth. From large families with their babies in tow to young couples sowing the seeds of friendship to older couples reaping the harvest, all are welcome at The Friendly Greek and all are treated with the same dignity and respect. Whether you're ordering a full-scale meal or simply having a coffee and dessert,

Authentic Greek specialties

you'll be made to feel at home.

This easygoing atmosphere has made The Friendly Greek a favourite spot for birthday parties and other family celebrations.

The Friendly Greek exemplifies the qualities the Danforth has become famous for: traditional Greek food served in huge portions. Included among the dishes are a few truly authentic Greek recipes you're not liable to find elsewhere: a delicious *Homemade Wine Sausage* (two pieces) served with Greek salad, rice, roast potatoes, tzatziki and garlic bread, all for only $8.95; *Ofto Kleftico* (roast lamb the Friendly Greek way, prepared oil-free and served with lemon potatoes and Greek salad, garlic bread and tzatziki), only $9.95.

For a heavy-duty feast, try another Friendly Greek house specialty: the *Hot Piklia For Two*, with two pieces of lamb chops, two pieces of sausage, two pieces of seftalia, 2 pieces of quail, gyro, souvlaki and Greek salad, served with garlic sauce and garlic bread, all for only $27.95 (your odds of actually finishing this mammoth platter are about the same as the Maple Leafs going undefeated in '95-96, though we wish you and the "buds" best of luck).

A veteran of the Danforth, Christodoulou opened his first small restaurant in 1979 and developed it into one of the city's most successful establishments before selling it and opening The Friendly Greek. In fact, many of the dishes now available on the Danforth, including the ubiquitous souvlaki on a stick, were pioneered by him. In opening The Friendly Greek, his idea was simply to build the quintessential Danforth establishment, but when franchising opportunities knocked, he decided that maybe spreading the Greek concept further afield wasn't such a bad idea. A second Friendly Greek at 1415 Kennedy Road in Scarborough has proven equally

Success spurs growth

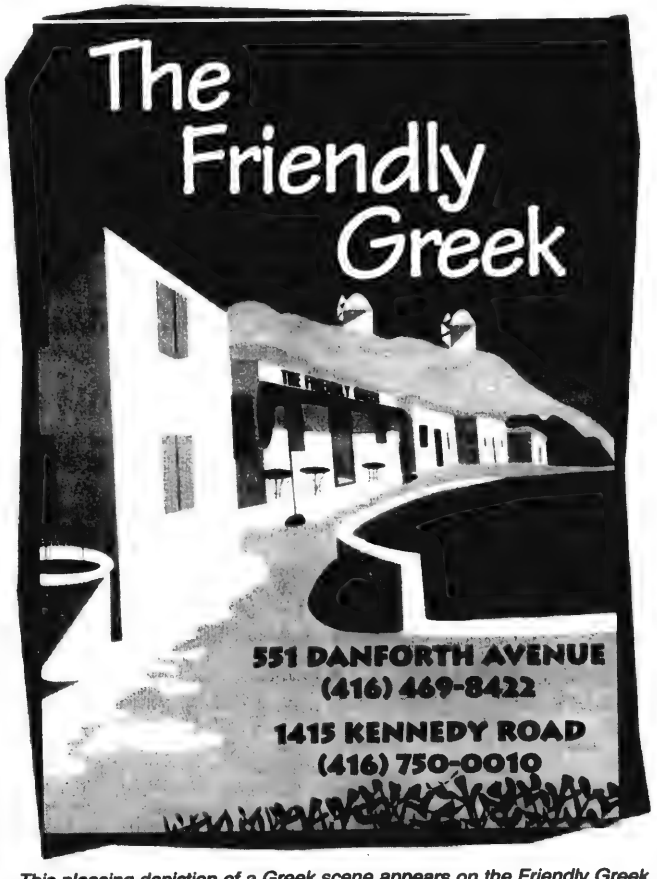
successful, and additional franchises are slated to open soon in Mississauga and Brampton, with "two or three more" likely to appear within the coming year.

In order to maintain consistency and quality among franchises, says Martezos, chefs must be Danforth-trained or have an extensive background in Greek cuisine. "Both the cuisine and the look and feel of the original Friendly Greek are being maintained in new locations," says Martezos. "Of course, many of our customers will still want to come to the Danforth because of the ambience, but once they're in the door, we want them to feel they're in the original Friendly Greek regardless of which location they're at."

The Friendly Greek was one of some thirty restaurants that participated in the Tastes of Toronto festival held recently on Front Street. Occupying one of the six larger booths, The Friendly Greek was "a hit," says Martezos, and sold literally thousands of souvlakis. "The response was incredible," says Martezos. "We hade lineups upon lineups. We sold so many souvlakis that we almost forgot to feed ourselves."

Almost every week, it seems, another new restaurant opens on the Danforth — yet all the existing restaurants seem as busy as ever. Martezos attributes the ever-increasing flow of traffic to the fact that "Greeks are known for good food. In a Greek home, you're not allowed to leave the table until you're full." (A phenomenon that readers of this newspaper probably know something about). "So more good restaurants just mean more of a good thing, and people know they can come to the Danforth at almost any hour of the day or night — right into the wee hours of the morning — and have a great meal indoors or outdoors, in complete safety. What more can you ask?"

Nothing — except to be served by a *Friendly* Greek.



This pleasing depiction of a Greek scene appears on the Friendly Greek menu, and is typical of the physical environment and relaxed atmosphere you'll find in a Friendly Greek restaurant.

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Ouzeri a Danforth delight for the eyes and the palate

Combining the naive charm of a child's finger painting with the sophistication of a mature artist's brush, Ouzeri landed on the Toronto restaurant scene with such a splash in 1990 that the ripple effect is still being felt, and the block-long line-ups that waited patiently on opening night have abated only slightly since.

The Ouzeri experience begins with the decor — a sensory festival unparalleled among Toronto dining establishments. In a radical departure from traditional restaurant frontage, whereby clients are funnelled in through a narrow entrance, Ouzeri fronted the entire restaurant with sliding garage-style glass doors (a concept often imitated since), baring its soul to the street in a style reminiscent of an architectural cross-section. The 3D effect is heightened by the restaurant's "landscape", which is staggered on four levels from the top level at back to the streetside patio at front. The gleaming standup bar is backed by walls awash with soft, irridescent blues and aquas that really *feel* like the sea. The walls and ceilings are festooned with hand-painted swirls of colour which, when examined more closely, reveal themselves as birds, animals, and fish — and some vaguer, almost Rorschachian shapes that will keep you guessing. Add the hum of a lively crowd and the seduction is complete — and you haven't even gotten to the menu yet!

Such is the visual delight of a visit to Ouzeri that you might almost be inclined to forgive average cuisine. Happily, you'll make no such compromise here, for the eclectic fare (authentically Greek throughout, without a hint of Canadianism) will have you dancing in your seat. (Such acts of spontaneity are not only tolerated but encouraged).

Variety with a capital "V"

From the extensive wine list through the appetizers to main dishes, the keynote of Ouzeri's cuisine is **variety**. First, the wines: there are some 65 varieties you can order by the glass, as opposed to the mere handful offered in most other establishments. Then the appetizers, tantalizing and fetchingly presented: there are some 20 to choose from. (Or you can sample all 20 for only $8.95 per person, a meal in itself). Some 20 seafood selections (try the *Prawns with Feta and Wine*), four choices of fowl, a dozen meat selections (nothing could make you forget bubie's chicken fricasee, but Ouzeri's *Lamb Shoulder Fricasee for Bill* gives it a run for its money), a dozen vegetarian dishes, a dozen rice/pilaf/pasta/filo pie choices, six house specials and, when you've finished navigating this cornucopia, there are some 14 dessert offerings to salivate over. (To avoid the "endless menu" syndrome that sometimes comes with endless variety, Ouzeri has artfully compacted the entire menu onto a simple pastelled-and-watercoloured placemat-sized sheet of paper, with food on one side and wine on the other. In an elegant, simplistic way, even the menu makes an "Ouzerian" statement).

Greek style dim sum served daily

But wait – there's more. Just because you're not in Chinatown doesn't mean you can't have Dim Sum. Ouzeri offers *Meze Sum* (Greek Style Dim Sum) seven days a week, excluding holidays, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Your insane urges to try everything on the menu can now be indulged with impunity. And the *Meze Sum* is just what you'd hope for: a mouth-watering assortment of Greek specialties, both hot and cold, ferried freshly from table to table.

All dishes are prepared from scratch with fresh ingredients, and no additives are used.

Clearly this is no ordinary Greek restaurant, and since it opened it's been a smashing success in more ways than one. Smashing plates are available – this is one restaurant that doesn't kid around about being "authentically" Greek. Adding to the authenticity are a Bouzouki player (performing Tuesdays from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.) and two Greek dancers (Friday and Saturday evening, with their rendition of Zorba the Greek and *Zebekiko*).

Co-owner Lois Pickett (with chef Fotis Sotiroulis) found the spot when shopping for a restaurant location on behalf of a third party. She saw in it a special magic that her client didn't, and when he balked, she jumped. Her efforts have clearly communicated the magic to a rapt audience, making it a magnet on the Danforth. Ouzeri is a delight for both the eyes and the palate. And, if you're able to flag Pickett down and say hello, you'll be treated to a healthy dose of her down-to-earth good humour.

Ouzeri is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays to Thursdays, until 4 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Reservations are accepted up until 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and 7 p.m. on Saturdays, and clients are advised to arrive early on these evenings to avoid lineups.

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Wow!

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Stunning murals depict historical scenes

First, the decor — though you've come for the food, you'll be enthralled by the surroundings well before you delve into the menu.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines "saga" as a "prose narrative . . recounting historical and legendary events and exploits," and that's precisely the story this restaurant tells. Tales of Roman mythology are depicted in stunningly vivid murals against a soothing sponge-painted backdrop, and if you examine the walls more closely you'll find the story elegantly calligraphed in a certain spot. The doorframes and overhanging ledges are exacting reproductions of period Roman architecture.

The owners, not satisfied with having the walls and wall ornaments speak, decided to impart a story-telling capacity to the chairs, railings, and fixtures as well. Painstakingly handmade in wrought iron, the railing that separates the rounded L-shaped bar from the dining area resonates with Roman swords, shields, and serpents. Similarly wrought, the chairs will seat you comfortably in the Roman Empire. Even the lamps (whose muted lights create an eery old-world atmosphere) and the wall ornaments add anecdotes to the story. But the *pièce de résistance* is the wine rack, a winged

Wrought iron fixtures also tell a story

wrought-iron chariot that looks like it might alight from the wall at any moment despite its prodigious weight. (Have no fear: it's safely ensconced behind the bar). The Saga extends all the way to the sculptured washroom doors, which would win a "Best Washroom Door" award hands down.

The owners "wanted to do something different. There was no point duplicating an existing concept, so we started from scratch, did a lot of research . . . and commissioned artists to create the look we wanted from top to bottom."

This inimitable ambience would be a tough act for any menu to follow, but Saga's kitchen succeeds admirably well under the direction of chef Amini, giving its founders reason to hope that the food will become as "legendary" as the decor.

Italian fine dining with geographic twists

Knowing full well the multiplicity of fine Greek restaurants on the Danforth, the partners decided to offer Danforth-goers what the street didn't yet have: Italian fine dining, with a few geographic twists to further distinguish it from Toronto's other fine Italian restaurants. The result is a Roman adventure replete with surprises.

For starters, try the Steamed Fresh Asparagus with roasted red peppers and toasted hazelnut vinaigrette ($5.95). Moving on to salads, there's a delicious Hearts of Lettuce offering with peach salsa and frisée ($4.95), or (in Rome, do as the Romans do) a Roman Salad with fresh tomatoes, Bocconcini cheese, red onions, and fresh basil vinaigrette ($5.50).

Saga's dining room features stunning murals, old-world lighting, wrought-iron chairs and fixtures. Note the calligraphy at right.

Pasta choices are plentiful and innovative. Recommended are the *Linguine* (with grilled chicken, eggplant, sundried tomato, and red onions in a cilantro ginger broth, $10.95), *Farfalle* (smoked chicken, roasted garlic, grilled raidichio, fresh tomato, tuscan olive oil and pesto sauce, $10.95), and, if you like it hot, the *Penne Arrabiata* (jalapeno peppers, garlic, black olives, and fresh basil tomato sauce, $9.95).

If you're a "legendary" eater and still have room for an entrée after running this gauntlet, the *Veal Frangelico* is a delicate piece of heaven (with oyster mushrooms and pistachio crust in a light Frangelico sauce, $12.50). Fowl lovers will be partial to the *Capons Oven Roasted Chicken* in a splendid sherry avocado citrus sauce ($10.95). If you're a lamb lover, the filet of lamb

A romantic restaurant through and through

tenderloin with fresh rosemary, shallots, and barolo sauce is a savoury reminder that you're still on the Danforth.

All entrées are served with seasonal vegetables or pasta and your choice of tomato or cream sauce.

Since opening a month ago, Saga has enjoyed an "overwhelming response" from clients. Hundreds of people have come, seen — and been conquered by the decor and cuisine.

This is a romantic restaurant through and through, from its soft lighting and soothing background music to its elegant, boudoirishly curtained picture window that surveys the Danforth. The cuisine should be savoured slowly with good company.

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"Avli is Greek perfection .... Chef Lambrinos and his partner Sharon Mary Murray offer food that is poetry."
—Sara Waxman, *Toronto Sun, June 25/95*

Avli courts discerning clientele

There's a new courtyard in town and it welcomes you to its restaurant.

Shouldn't that be the other way around?

In Avli's case, it works both ways. Avli, which means courtyard, is the centre of Greek life. This is where family and friends gather for eating, drinking and celebrating. Chef Lambrinos, the "one-named culinary wizard", as Byron Ayanoglu calls him, and his partner, the vivacious food professional Sharon Murray, have transformed this Danforth storefront into a timeless feasting ground that will evoke the charming courtyards of Greek heritage, while catering to the demands of the sophisticated Toronto palate.

This is not a souvlaki house. With "so many excellent restaurants on the Danforth serving mainstream Greek cuisine," says Lambrinos, "we wanted to offer something very different which was still in the Greek realm." What you'll find are authentic dishes from Asia Minor and Aegean specialties, intermingled with flavours of the Middle East, that may redefine a few of your preconceptions about Greek cuisine. The menu, co-designed by Chef Lambrinos and the Greek-Canadian food maven Byron Ayanoglu, features main course pies with a home-made crust and zesty fillings of Greek favourites like shrimp-feta-tomato; spinach-cheese; pearl-onion stiffado; and chicken-breast-rosemary. From the grill, toothsome morsels of chicken, lamb, salmon and calamari, all with special sauces. An heirloom recipe seafood-fish casserole. And of course a slew of starters, including the fabled Greek vegetarian delicacies.

This restaurant is a vegetarian and seafood lover's paradise, and a boon to anyone favouring fresh lighter fare. Fresh herbs and spices, extra-virgin oil, organically-raised chicken, and "only the finest ingredients" are additional enticements. Avli's dessert list, which offers entirely home-made creations, ranging from a thick-crust Lebanese-style baklava to a flourless almond torte, are available in the afternoon, alongside a light menu, for coffee-tea time service reminiscent of the sidewalk cafes of Athens' Lokonaki, or indeed Vienna. This same sweet table, and an accompanying late-night menu, will also be served into the wee hours for those who like to extend their evenings past midnight.

Lambrinos' 27 years of experience at fine restaurants in Toronto, Montreal and New York have clearly been well spent, and the fruits of his present labours are well worth sampling. Because all dishes are made to order, you may have to wait a few extra minutes for them to emerge from the kitchen — but then what's a "courtyard" for if not to sit back and smell the roses?

Ellas Restaurant, Banquets and Catering

Ellas, the first Greek restaurant in Toronto, opened in November 1967. (Its name is English for "Greece".) Although it has remained in its original location, Ellas expanded five years ago to provide better facilities for a steady and growing clientele.

Along one wall of the restaurant is an open kitchen, where waiters invite guests to see the wide variety of dishes. Since Ellas opened, such open kitchens have become a common feature of Greek restaurants in Toronto. It is also possible simply to order from the menu.

There is a wide range of Greek cuisine, including a variety of traditional lamb dishes, baby goat and moussaka. Meat dishes are broiled or steamed, and made with fresh herbs. There is also a wide selection of fresh fish, all broiled. The ocean species include grouper, tuna, red snapper, sea snapper, sea bass, shrimps, scallops, calamari, octopus, saltwater salmon and trout. Two or more guests may make a combination platter with several fish or meat dishes.

Ellas uses only fresh grown (on premises) organic spices to cook with and only the best quality products. All seafood is flown in fresh daily so that Ellas can serve the best quality seafood in town.

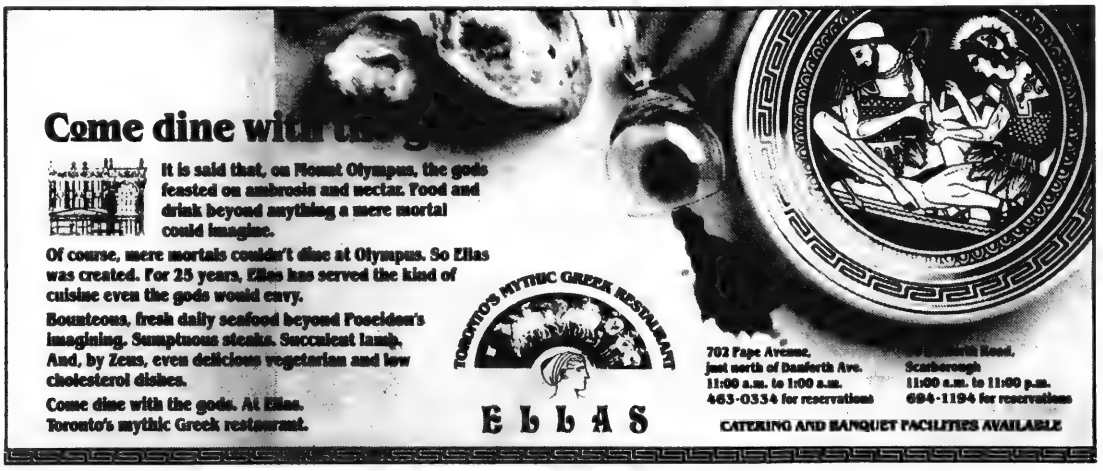
Ellas offers spanakopita (spinach pie), and a variety of dips such as tzatziki, dolmadis, eggplant or tarama, a caviar dip. The vegetables are always fresh; so is the bread, which is baked on the premises. There are homemade desserts like baklava and custard, as well as fresh fruit and assorted pastries which are also baked on the premises.

Those who want their food to taste good and be healthful at the same time will enjoy Ellas. Cholesterol-free oil is used in cooking, and olive oil in the salads. Nothing is deep-fried. Tests show that Ellas' moussaka has only 350 calories, or one-third the normal calorie count for moussaka. The lamb fricassee has only 250, also only one-third the normal count.

The decor is neo-classical, with murals, reliefs and replicas of statues from classical Greek history. The colors are pastel and light earth tones, creamy white and mint green on the railings. There is plenty of gold leaf, all of it 24-carat gold.

Ellas, which has "class" but is not too expensive, is the ideal place to invite special guests. In addition to bouzouki and guitar music and singing, you can enjoy dancing and entertainment in a special room upstairs set aside for this purpose. Almost any size of party or banquet can be accommodated, from an intimate gathering of five or ten up to 1,000 people.

Ellas is at 702 Pape Ave., just north of Danforth on the west side, south of the parking lot opposite Pape subway.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Plum posting irks envoys

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — The career diplomats at Foreign Affairs are in a snit over former Liberal MP David Berger's appointment as ambassador to Israel, replacing Norman Spector, who is coming home.

To them, a plum diplomatic posting such as Tel Aviv should have gone to a career diplomat much like themselves, rather than to a political appointee like Berger. The morning suits at Foreign Affairs can be very cruel when the big jobs are being handed out to somebody else.

On the surface, the Berger posting appears no worse than the Spector appointment three years ago, when former prime minister Brian Mulroney, casting about for a place for his suddenly-expendable chief of staff after the Meech Lake and Charlottetown disasters, struck upon the notion of sending Spector, a Jew, to Tel Aviv. Not much difference, unless you conveniently forget that Spector was once a respected public servant in British Columbia, long before he became a chief of staff for Mulroney.

Spector becomes the new president of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), where he'll find himself up against Public Works Minister David Dingwall. If that wasn't enough, the appointment specifies that Spector, a bachelor from Montreal who is used to the good life in Ottawa and Vancouver, must "become resident in Atlantic Canada," proving that somebody in Chrétien's office really doesn't like Spector. Even Gaza might not look so bad after a while.

On Dec. 28, 1994, Berger relinquished his seat in St. Henri-Westmount, a riding he had held for the past 16 years, to allow the Liberals to run their new Quebec political star, Lucienne Robillard, a former provincial Liberal cabinet minister, to juice up the federalist benches in Ottawa in preparation for the big Quebec referendum on separation this fall. The ploy worked.

Predictably, former Liberal MP Ian Watson, speaking for the National Council on Canada-Arab Relations, said Berger was too pro-Israel to represent Canada in such a politically sensitive area as the Middle East.

By Watson's reasoning, our next diplomatic appointment to Saudi Arabia should not be too pro-Arab. Too bad. That might leave Watson off the short list.

Back to Berger, a modest man, an MP who, during 16 years on Parliament Hill, cut a barely discernible swath. Berger is remembered — apart from looking after his riding — for speaking out frequently on behalf of small business — even before it became fashionable — and for promoting industry and exports.

Berger realized last year that since he has never been a Chrétien confidant and will likely never be, his political career had gone just about as far as it ever would. His chances of making cabinet were considered zilch. So when the Tel Aviv offer was made, he jumped at it.

Doesn't get any better

It's not as if he needed the money. Berger is the son of the late real estate millionaire Sam Berger, who once owned the Montreal Alouette football club and before that the Ottawa Roughrider football club, as well as a good chunk of geography in Ottawa. As a former MP, Berger will have a pension of $48,000 a year on top of whatever he earns after his diplomatic service.

The real reason he accepted the post was emotional. Berger is Jewish and for someone Jewish to be going to Israel, especially as ambassador from Canada, is not an insignificant honor.

It's sort of like when labor leader Michael McDermott was appointed ambassador to Ireland. He cried all the way to Dublin, it was said. In emotive terms, it just doesn't get any better.

Before Spector, no Jew had ever been appointed Canadian ambassador to Israel. Berger will be the second. A nice tradition has begun.

David Berger

What is needed now to reflect our cultural diversity is for Canada to post an Arab-Canadian as ambassador to an Arab country.

Berger prepared for his appointment by taking a three-week course at Foreign Affairs last month, learning how to become an ambassador — everything from embassy administration to diplomatic protocol to security tricks on how to frustrate nasty terrorists.

"I'm going to give it my level best," says Berger, sounding for all the world like a Boy Scout. "This is an important responsibility. I want to do a good job. Mr. Chrétien appointed me because he thought I would represent Canada well."

Tel Aviv is a major embassy. A staff of 50 includes a full complement of trade, consular, immigration, military and commercial attaches. Rumor has it there may even be a CSIS agent (at least one). Berger even gets to be High Commissioner to Cyprus in the bargain.

He plans to make trade promotion a big part of his agenda and hopes to use donations from Canadian firms operating in Israel to throw the biggest Canada Day party Tel Aviv has ever seen next July 1.

True to his likeable nature, Berger has already made moves likely to endear him to the Israelis. Unlike other diplomats who send their children to the American School or the French Lycee, Berger and his wife Monica have decided to send their children, Philippe, Laura and Sarah, to a local Israeli school where Hebrew will be the language of education.

The transition to an Israeli school should be easier because Berger had the good sense to send his children for the past few years to the Star of David Hebrew school in Ottawa. The Hebrew lessons of principal Hennie Honigman and her able teaching staff will not have been wasted.

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Compensation sought for seized Polish property

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — McGill University law professor Irwin Cotler has taken up the cause of an elderly couple campaigning to receive compensation for property in Poland confiscated by the Nazis.

The Polish-born couple's quest is attracting the attention of a growing number of Holocaust survivors also seeking idemnity from former Communist regimes in Eastern Europe, which nationalized the land in question.

Cotler says he will put the case of Paris-based Ewa Szpicberg, who inherited two apartment blocks in the Polish city of Gdansk in 1931, on the agenda of the World Jurists Association conference to be held in Montreal August 12 to 17.

This month, Cotler raised the issue with the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists at its meeting in Tel Aviv.

Cotler intends to make Szpicberg's cause a priority of Inter-Amicus, the McGill-based international human rights centre he heads, and he has written to the leaders of the G-7 countries.

Cotler said the case is "a matter of international human rights of the highest priority [and] a saga of scandalous dispossession and exploitation."

Szpicberg, 72, and her husband Michel Brochetain, 77, now French citizens, have been seeking compensation since 1992, when they read in *Newsweek* that an official in Krakow had said Jews should be indemnified for seized property.

Szpicberg is demanding compensation from: the city of Gdansk; Orbis, the Polish state tourist organization that has a hotel on the land she lost; and Saur Neptun Gdansk, a French-Polish joint venture which operates a water treatment project on one of the sites.

The couple were successful in persuading the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to suspend its $88.4 million (US) backing because of the claim.

But neither the Polish authorities nor the French investors have offered to listen to their compensation claim.

The two lots were bought by Szpicberg's father in 1922 in what was then called Danzig. The land was seized from the family by the Germans under the Nuremberg laws in 1939.

Today, Orbis has a perpetual lease on one property from the provincial government, while the other is owned by the city and houses the local waterworks, which is managed jointly by the French company Saur, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bouygues, a large construction and engineering firm, and the city of Gdansk.

In a letter last month to company executive Martin Bouygues, Cotler wrote: "By refusing to compensate [Szpicberg], the Polish authorities and the French corporations are effectively accessories to a Nuremberg war crime perpetrated by the Nazis, and you are jointly and severally responsible with the Polish authorities for this human rights violation of great historical consequence."

Irwin Cotler

Because Bouygues is incorporated under the laws of France, Cotler holds that the French goverment is also "morally and legally obliged" to ensure that the corporation complies with "principles of international human rights law respecting accountability and restitution for war crimes."

Although Poland has no law on the restoration of private property confiscated during the Nazi occupation, Poland does feel an obligation toward people like Szpicberg and others who had real estate nationalized by the communists, said Michal Zawila, first secretary and consul at the Polish embassy.

He said the parliament is expected to consider several draft bills this fall, but admitted he did not know the details of the proposals. The consensus appears to be that all Poles — Jewish or not — should be compensated. At least one proposal would limit indemnity to those still living in Poland.

Zawila noted that Polish Foreign Minister Wladyslaw Bartoszewsky was recently in Israel, where he discussed the particular concerns of Jews whose property was confiscated initially by the Nazis.

Polish Ambassador Tadeusz Diem has also met with a Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) delegation to explore the issue.

Zawila said it would probably be impractical to return title to land that had been nationalized before the communist era.

CJC executive director Jack Silverstone, who was not aware of the Szpicberg case, described claims by dispossessed Jews from the former East Bloc, as an "emerging issue."

"Certainly, they have a compelling moral case," he said, adding CJC recognizes the problem Poland faces in opening itself up to "billions of dollars worth of claims."

CJC has had talks with Polish Canadian Congress, he said.

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Gur led troops to Western Wall

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Israel reacted with shock and sorrow at last weekend's suicide of Mordechai ("Motta") Gur, Israel's deputy defence minister and liberator of Jerusalem.

Last Sunday's cabinet meeting opened with a moment of silence in Gur's memory.

With tears in his eyes, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin gave an uncharacteristically emotional eulogy for Gur, who was Rabin's comrade-in-arms and close political ally for almost half a century.

"Motta was a special person, sensitive and strong, a soldier and a civilian, a lover of books and of writing, and above all, a friend," Rabin said. "You knew at all times that he was with you and at your side. May his memory be blessed."

Gur, 65, committed suicide after years of fighting cancer. A gun was found next to his body. He had a single bullet wound to the head.

He left a note saying he no longer wanted to be a burden to his family.

A retired lieutenant-general, Gur commanded the Israeli paratroop unit that liberated eastern Jerusalem during the 1967 Six Day War.

He personally headed the force that entered the Old City and reached the Western Wall and Temple Mount.

News of Gur's death dominated the Israeli media last Sunday, pushing aside stories about peace negotiations with the Palestinians and Syrians.

Throughout the day, Israeli radio stations broadcast the historic words Gur uttered on the third day of the Six Day War:

"The Temple Mount is in our hands. Repeat: the Temple Mount is in our hands. And now the entire Old City is in our hands, and we are very, very happy."

Civil strife feared

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It specifically puts into question the role of the army's hesder units in which soldiers combine yeshivah studies with military service. Three of the rabbis behind the ruling are themselves heads of hesder yeshivot – a fact which has prompted calls to disband these units.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin called the rabbinical decision grave, unprecedented and inconceivable and warned that it could turn Israel "into a banana republic." But he rejected calls to disband the hesder units, maintaining that it is premature to question their loyalty.

President Ezer Weizman said the ruling "undermines the basic principles on which the IDF is based and could invalidate the democratic foundation of the state."

Both coalition and opposition parties were united in denouncing the rabbis' decision.

Other accused the rabbis of couching politics in halachah (Jewish religious law). "There is no halachic basis for a ruling that instructs a soldier to refuse to obey orders in this case," said Rabbi Yehuda Amital, head of the hesder Yeshivah Har Etzion in Gush Etzion, adding that the ruling was politically motivated.

Former Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, spiritual leader of the Shas party, also rejected the ruling, arguing that if rabbis decide to let their students serve in the army, they have to accept the nature of the army.

The army refrained from issuing an official reaction. But the commander of the IDF officers' training school, Col. Elazer Stern, a yeshivah graduate himself, warned that disobeying orders would lead not only to the destruction of the army, but to the destruction of the state.

Photo mystery solved

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Jennie was 17 when she and her sister Mary left Sosnowiec, Poland, in 1926 for Canada. They left their parents, Joel and Ruchel Diament, four sisters and many other relatives. For a year they stayed in Montreal with an aunt and then came to Toronto to live with their aunt and uncle, Ruchel and Koppel Abrams. In Toronto, Jennie married Isaac (Lipshitz) Lipson, an immigrant from Mlawa, Poland.

The child in the front page photograph with Jennie is her 3½-year-old daughter, Edith (now Edith Friedman) of Toronto. The photos sent to Jennie's parents were taken in Bronte (just west of Toronto) and on Grace Street in Toronto.

Lipson's son, Dr. Martin Lipson, a family physician, called *The CJN* to identify the photos. He explained that on Sept. 9, 1939, the Germans entered Sosnowiec. The Jews were rounded up in 1942 and his mother never knew where her parents had perished.

"The photographs found at Auschwitz are the first objective verification that my grandparents met their end in Auschwitz," Martin told *The CJN*.

Another call to *The CJN* identified the young woman and 4½-year-old child in two other photographs sent by Jennie to her parents. On a visit to Toronto this week, Dr. Jack Kraicer, who was a professor at the University of Western Ontario and at Queens University before taking a position in France two years ago as Director of Research Grants for the Human Frontier Science Program, saw the article and identified himself and his mother, Ange Kraicer.

Ange, whose family lived in Dobrawa, Poland, near Sosnowiec, was a friend of Jennie's in Poland and they remained close after Ange came to Canada in 1930.

July 10:

• Hezbollah fired 27 katyusha rockets at civilian targets in the Galilee. The rocket barrage was the third such attack in less than one month. Hezbollah claimed the attack was in retaliation for the shelling of Nabatiyeh by Israel in which two young girls died. Israel acknowledged that the girls died as a result of a terrible mistake by its forces.

July 11:

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Israel's balance of trade deficit had improved substantially in the last four months. The export of all goods had risen by 14 per cent between March and June as compared to a decrease by six per cent in the previous four months. The Bank of Israel reports the economy continues to improve with exceptional increases in the housing, trade and hotel sectors.

July 12:

• A report appeared in the media that the Moslem underground in Kashmir, India is planning to kidnap Israeli tourists. The source of the information is an American tourist, who along with three fellow travelers, was abducted in Kashmir by members of the underground. The others are still being held captive.

July 13:

• A spate of ugly road accidents claimed three lives, all of them children, in the past 48 hours. Scores of individuals, most of them children, were injured.

• *Davar* reported that construction of bypass roads in the West Bank is the main problem which could disturb the implementation of the interim agreement with the Palestinians.

• According to *Davar*, the Cabinet was told the IDF will not redeploy until the bypass roads are completed. The paper also reported that Hamas is negotiating with the PLO about its participation in the election for membership for the Palestinian Council, but that the PLO is demanding Hamas halt attacks against Israel as a a precondition for participation.

July 14 :

• U.S. Special Middle East envoy Dennis Ross left the region disappointed that he had been unable to get Israel and Syria to agree to send senior military experts to Washington for follow-up discussions on security arrangements. Ross said the sides disagree on both substantive and format issues.

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Canada Park singed in Israeli forest fire

Jewish Telegraphic Agency and CJN Staff

Israeli firefighters stamp out blaze. [RNS photo]

NEW YORK — The Jewish National Fund (JNF), responsible for planting most of the two million trees and 6,000 acres of forested land burned this month in Israel's worst forest fire, has vowed to rehabilitate the charred areas.

Last week, JNF and government workers were clearing away charred trees. As well, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid struck a special committee headed by Dr. Michael Sachs, director of JNF's afforestation division.

The fire burnt "fringe areas" of Canada Park, a JNF grove along the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, but the park was left mainly untouched, said Ben Prossin of JNF Canada's Toronto office.

"Israel is in mourning, but we will rebuild," JNF world chairman Moshe Rivlin vowed in the aftermath of the fire, which burnt for 20 hours.

The blaze left at least 30 families homeless in the settlements of Neve Israel and Shoresh. It caused an estimated $30 million in property damage and $27 million in damage to forests.

The fire, whose origin has been determined to be accidental, started near a moshav bordering the Jerusalem highway and was aided by intense heat followed by unusually strong gales of wind.

An inquiry conducted by Jerusalem police last week officially ruled out arson.

The flames, which reached heights of 15 metres, torched the highly flammable Jerusalem Pines, destroying dozens of homes and wiping out the region's wildlife.

Several communities, including Shoresh, Telstone, Shoeva, Yad Hashmona and Neve Ilan had to be evacuated. Forty-four people were hospitalized with minor injuries, mostly from smoke inhalation.

JNF leaders said they believe damage could have been more tragic and extensive without the recent incorporation of sophisticated fire prevention technology.

During the peak of the Palestinian uprising, when arson was used as a terrorist tool, Forest Service officials with the United States Department of Agriculture recommended several steps to fight forest fires.

JNF officials said they implemented several of the recommendations, including the creation of fire roads and observation towers. Also, four-wheel drive fire trucks able to navigate steep terrains and carry large supplies of water were purchased.

Officials said JNF will spare no cost in repairing the forest.

Russian anti-Semitism growing

CJN Wire Services

MOSCOW — A new study by a University of Toronto sociologist has found disturbing increases in Russian anti-Semitism.

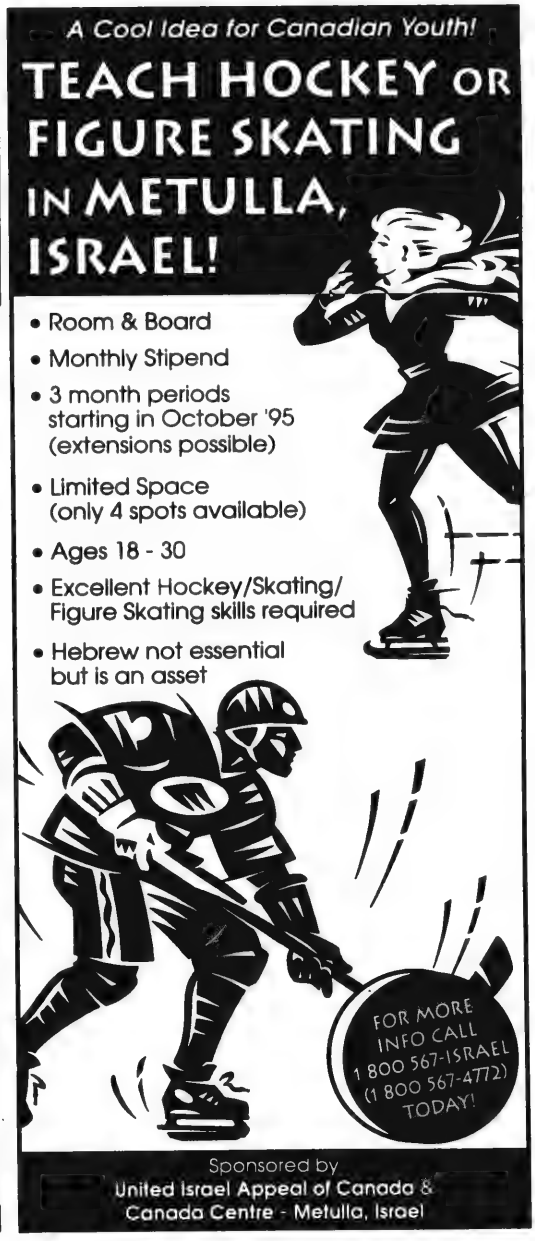
Prof. Robert Brym commissioned a survey of 2,000 Russian adults in 42 cities and 24 villages across the country this year. The study found that anti-Semitism has spread to virtually all segments of Russian society.

One-third of the respondents said they wouldn't want a close relative to marry a Jew and 16 per cent believe Russia may be the victim of a Zionist plot.

Brym estimates that between 10 and 16 per cent of Russians can be classified as "extreme anti-Semites" — a rate triple that of North America.

Brym attributes the numbers to the dissolution of the old Soviet Union and the ensuing breakdown in social and economic order.

Anti-Semitism remains a "potential threat" to Russia's 1.5 million Jews — enough of a threat to encourage their emigration, Brym said last week.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We extend heartfelt condolences to Mr. Leslie Dan and the entire family. May they be comforted together with the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.

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Netanyahu goes online

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of Israel's Likud opposition, has boldly gone where no other Israeli politician has gone before: bypassing media gatekeepers to speak directly to John Q. Public via the Internet.

Netanyahu went online last week as a featured guest of the Israel Forum of the CompuServe international computer network.

He fielded questions from computer users worldwide with access to the service, and while the electronic town hall meeting was innovative, the results must have been disappointing.

Only about 120 computers were logged on to the Forum at any one time (it started at 10:30 p.m. EDT) and Netanyahu's stock replies to burning questions shed little light on the current Mideast situation.

Further enfeebling the proceedings was the tedium in waiting for Netanyahu's responses, which were typed into the system in real time. In other words, participants waited at their screens as someone in Israel — Netanyahu himself? — typed the Likud leader's views into the system, letter by letter. Hardly the stuff to stir the kishkes.

The proceedings were interrupted on several occasions due to technical glitches and to give Netanyahu a chance to respond to questions from Israel Radio and television interviewers in Israel.

In the dead time caused by these disruptions, participants were asked to vote in a straw poll on questions like: Do you think Jerusalem's status as capital of Israel is in danger?

The Israel Forum, a service offered by CompuServe, is devoted to communication and information about Jewish topics and Israel.

It opened in March 1995 and has more than 12,000 subscribers worldwide. In terms of traffic, it ranks 100th out of 1,100 forums on CompuServe.

And as to the question about Jerusalem, 61 respondents thought Jerusalem's status as Israel's capital was in danger, 58 did not.

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Sarajevo centre hit

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SARAJEVO — For the first time in the 3-year-old war in Bosnia, the Jewish community's headquarters in Sarajevo has taken a direct hit.

A 120 mm mortar shell hit the Jewish community centre in the Bosnian capital last Monday afternoon.

According to Jacob Finci, president of La Benevolencija, the Jewish community's non-sectarian aid agency, no one was hurt.

"The shell hit the top floor and destroyed an unused room. Since it was after our regular lunch-time, almost no one was in the building," he said.

Finci said he and Ivan Ceresnjes, community president, received telephone calls from both the Bosnian Serbs and the Bosnian government.

Each blamed the other side for the attack.

Finci, who maintains a strictly apolitical stance in the ongoing conflict between the Bosnian government and rebel Serbs, refused to speculate on which group was responsible for the assault.

"We're still feeding people every day, whether they are Jews, Croats, Serbs or Muslims," he said.

But because of recent heavy shelling, less than half of the 320 daily visitors to La Benevolencija's soup kitchen have come there during the past month.

And with all access routes into Sarajevo blocked and nearly 100 tons of food waiting in rented warehouses outside the city, La Benevolencija no longer has food packages to give out.

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Rabbinical student shifts gears to fix bikes

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Yossi Sapirman leads a double life. He's the spiritual leader of the Danforth Shul and he's also the owner of Yossi's Bike Repair.

Sapirman, 26, spends mornings studying for *smicha* (rabbinic ordination), while devoting afternoons and evenings to his bicycle repair business which has grown 100 per cent a year in its three years of operation.

'It's a hectic life. I run up to Richmond Hill for *smicha* study with my father (Rabbi Dovid Sapirman) and then I rush back here," he said.

His shop in the Lawrence and Bathurst area is filled with bicycles of every size, shape and color, but it's immaculate — every tool has its place.

He said he had taken a bicycle mechanics course, fixing bikes for family and friends for fun, but decided to turn his hobby into a business after hearing many youngsters at an Orthodox boy's school complain about shoddy repairs on their bikes.

"I felt there was a need for a reliable bicycle repair shop in the community," he said. But he did not want to limit the operation to his immediate comunity and added a unique service: free pick up and delivery, and on-the-spot repair for flat tires anywhere in Metro Toronto.

He said the pick-up and delivery service was "the way to go" because he felt such a convenience would meet consumers' needs. "It's hard to get a bike into a car. Bikes are big and dirty and people don't like to schlep them."

Sapirman said he runs a warehouse rather than a store-front operation to keep his prices competitive. He said he can afford the free pick-up and delivery and quick service because he doesn't have to pay the high rent for retail space.

Buying new bikes for every child can be expensive for large families, he said, and kids can be hard on bikes. He sells reconditioned bikes "as a service to customers."

He also advises parents not to buy multi-speed bikes for younger children because "the more sophisticated the bike the more there will be to go wrong."

He said there are many parallels between bike and car maintenance. "Cheaper bikes, like cheaper cars, break down more easily, but the parts are cheaper. Expensive bikes, like expensive cars, don't break down as often, but they're more expensive to fix."

Bicycles require regular tune-ups to prevent wear and tear on parts, but yearly tune-ups are also mandatory for safety, he said. "We've had bikes in here unsafe to ride and the parents didn't even realize how dangerous it was."

When it comes to safety, the rabbinic side dominates Sapirman's persona. He is so committed to promoting safety that he offers free bicycle safety tips on his business line, as a public service.

Sapirman said the public needs to develop more awareness about bicycle safety. "A bike is a sophisticated piece of machinery with 300 components. Anything can go wrong. And there are no seats belts or air bags."

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by Bill Gladstone

TORONTO — On his first visit to Canada, the director-general of Israel's Ministry of Tourism expressed optimism that increased tourism in Israel and the Middle East will spur economic development and benefit the entire region.

"Tourism is connected to the peace process and it's very sensitive to the security situation," said Eli Gonen. "We're confident that the growth of tourism will contribute to the economic situation of each country in the region, and that in turn will strengthen peace initiatives. It's a circle that reinforces itself."

At a press breakfast in the offices of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto, Gonen cited a projection of the World Tourism Organization that travel to the Middle East will increase by 235 per cent over the next five years. The first five months of 1995 have already shown a 15 per cent increase in tourism to Israel over the same period in 1994, he said.

"We're pleased and proud that the tourism industry is the first to lead all other [sectors] in this new era," he said.

Citing the peace agreements and open borders between Israel and two of its Arab neighbors, Egypt and Jordan, Gonen said the three countries were working together to promote the Middle East as a single package for visitors.

"I hope that the Palestinians will establish their organization and develop their facilities and be part of the group that promotes the Middle East region," he said.

The Palestinians "have had to develop an organization for tourism from square one," he said.

Air Canada's new twice-weekly direct flights from Toronto to Tel Aviv should bring both countries increased tourism dollars, he said, noting that each year, one in five of Israel's five million citizens travels outside the country.

"We really believe that Israel and the Middle East are going to be the best and most attractive destinations of the future, and we hope Air Canada will do a good business," he said.

While in Toronto, Gonen presented the Shalom Tourism Award to Canadian Industry Minister John Manley in recognition of his work in promoting Canada-Israel ties. Manley, the minister responsible for tourism, is a "true friend of Israel whose goal is to strengthen Canadian connections with Israel in every way," Gonen said.

Federal Industry Minister John Manley (left) receives the Shalom Tourism Award from Eli Gonen, director-general of Israel's tourism ministry. [Stephen Epstein photo]

Swiss banks loosen grip on depositors' money

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

TEL AVIV — Swiss banks are taking steps to resolve the issue of bank deposits of Holocaust victims.

Top officials of Switzerland's major banks have reached an agreement to appoint an independent arbitrator to oversee the transfer of the deposits to their rightful heirs, according to the current issue of *The Jerusalem Report*. The banks will reportedly issue an official announcement in the near future.

Media in Israel and elsewhere have reported that large amounts of money belonging to victims of the Holocaust are still being held in Swiss bank accounts.

So far, Swiss banks have refused to release the deposits to relatives of the deceased without proper documentation and accurate account numbers, much of which vanished during and after the war years.

Estimates of these accounts, deposited during World War II, range from tens of millions of dollars to nearly $7 billion.

But the Swiss Bankers Association, the industry's leading organization, said the estimates are highly inflated.

"Recent numbers named by various parties in the press in reference to the amount of unclaimed assets from the Nazi era are massively exaggerated," the organization said in a statement.

In the past, Swiss banks strongly opposed the appointment of an independent arbitrator to mediate between the banks and relatives of Holocaust victims.

The banks had argued that attempts to help relatives provide documentation would violate the strict secrecy laws that have become the hallmark of the Swiss banking system.

But reacting to persistent media attention to the issue, members of the Swiss Bankers Association met at the beginning of July to discuss the matter and the damage it caused to their image.

According to Hans Baer, a Jewish banker and the director-general of the Swiss bank Julius Baer and Co., the banks agreed unanimously that an independent arbitrator should be appointed to mediate the claims.

Baer admitted that lists made in the 1960s of such accounts were incomplete. But he denied allegations that the banks stole money belonging to Jews.

"The money is just lying in the banks," Baer said.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Canadian Film Screened in Israel: *Ms. Conceptions*, the quirky documentary on single mothers by choice, produced by Toronto-based Good Soup Productions Inc., was screened twice at the Jerusalem International Film Festival earlier this month.

Directed by Ric Esther Bienstock and co-produced by Bienstock and Linda Frum, the film premiered in Canada on CBC-TV's *Witness* series last winter, garnering high ratings. Bienstock, who took the film to Jerusalem, had just returned from a gruelling five-week shoot in Zaire, where she was directing a follow-up film to the award-winning documentary on the deadly Ebola virus, *The Plague Monkeys*.

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Choral Festival: Some 100 singers from more than 30 countries are set to perform in the Toronto premiere of the World Youth Choir on July 21. The concert features an eclectic mix of gospel, spiritual, traditional and contemporary music, including Canadian composer Harry Freedman's composition *Pastorale*. The concert is part of a live broadcast of *The Arts Tonight*, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with pre-concert festivities hosted by Shelaugh Rogers and special guest Ben Heppner, followed by the concert at 7:30 p.m. Both events take place in the Barbara Frum Atrium of the CBC Centre, 250 Front St. W. Tickets are $15 for adults. Phone: 416-205-5555.

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Seder Plate Competition: The Spertus Museum of Chicago has announced a call for entries of designs to its second biennial Judaica Prize Competition. The ceremonial object for this year's competition is the Passover seder plate. The winner of the juried competition will receive a $10,000 prize. Deadline for entries is Jan. 15, 1996. Address inquiries to Spertus Museum, 618 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60605. Phone 312-322.1747; fax 312-922-3934.

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Beauty and The Beast: Eye On Arts recently attended an afternoon tea party staged by the Mirvish organization in the lobby of the posh King Street West theatre, the Princess of Wales. Alas, neither David nor his father "Honest" Ed Mirvish was in attendance. The latter, at least, was in London, England, to attend the opening of a production of *The Importance of Being Ernest* at the Mirvish-owned Old Vic Theatre, marking the 100th anniversary of Oscar Wilde's historic play.

As for *Beauty and The Beast*, the elaborate stage has been under construction for weeks. Guests of the promotional tea party were shown around the beast's castle and shown various scenic elements and props hanging in the wings. More than 30 48-foot tractor trailors were required to deliver the scenery and equipment for the Disney musical, one of the largest theatrical productions, physically speaking, ever to be mounted in Toronto.

Previews for *Beauty and The Beast* begin July 25, and opening night is August 8. For tickets, call TicketKing, 416-872-1212.

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New Life at Harbourfront: Recently resuscitated from near-death through an infusion of federal funds that had been temporarily cut off, Toronto's Harbourfront is returning to glowing health as a major centre of the arts. Witness the recently concluded *Ashkenaz New Yiddish Festival*, a vibrant celebration of klezmer music and Yiddishkeit that attracted crowds earlier this month. Let's hope organizers still have enough energy to stage it again next summer.

Harbourfront Centre has announced its upcoming season of contemporary dance, which gets off to a rousing start with *Batsheva*, the excitingly physical company from Israel that wowed Toronto audiences four seasons ago. Because of an extended showing of the cultural exhibit *Today's Japan* at Harbourfront's Premier Dance Theatre, *Batsheva* is set to perform at the Bluma Appel Theatre in the St. Lawrence Centre.

Other performers on the roster include SOAP Dance Theatre Frankfurt, L'Esquisse from France, O Vertigo Danse, Ballet British Columbia, the David Dorfman Dance and the Danny Grossman Dance Company. For tickets, call 416-973-4000.

Full moon vampire

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "One out of two isn't bad," says Dracula when his female quarry declares: "You may drink my blood but you'll never get my soul."

This is the kind of fun playwright Allan Stratton has in his adaptation of *Dracula*, the novel by Bram Stoker, which is running at Skylight Theatre in Earl Bales Park until Aug. 6.

It doesn't work on every level, but *Dracula* is a good night out if the moon is riding high and you are taking children who like a good scare or are old enough to appreciate a send-up of the wicked count from Transylvania who invades the quiet English countryside.

Actor Geza Kovacs is dead on with his timing in the tongue-in-cheek approach to Count Dracula and he shares the honors with Martin Julien who plays both a deranged disciple of the count and a British nanny. In the latter role, the nanny says to a prim Victorian wife: "We all have dreams--then we meet our husbands."

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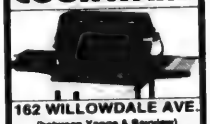

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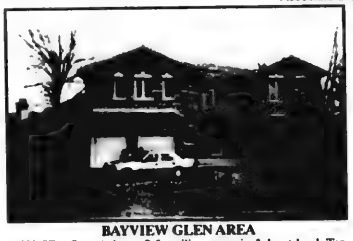

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We sincerely apologize to Box 6607 of our June 15, 1995 issue, and to those who took the time to reply to her. We regret that any mail you addressed to her may have been lost due to our error. We encourage any respondents to re-submit replies to the attention of her new Box #6620. Her original ad follows: She's very appealing, petite, bright, active, adventurous, secure & selective. She's wandered this desert for 40 yrs & needs a sip of something fresh: One Very Special Man, similar but unique, who knows what he wants--a communicative, intimate union filled with love and laughter. If you know this financially and emotionally established man, he's invited to reply with photo. Box 6620, CJN.

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285 SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

APTER - Elana and Leonel wish to announce the birth of their first baby, a girl, Ariel Eden, on June 29, 1995. Proud grandparents are Fanny and Sam Apter, Michele and Richard Bieler. Great-grandparents are Annie Bieler, Regina Grinbaum and Irene and Nat Tucker, proud uncles are Diego Apter and Gregory Bieler.

LASZLO - Stewart and Susan (nee Grossman) are delighted to announce the birth of Evan Thomas, on May 10, 1995. First time grandparents are Sam and Sharon Grossman and Marian Laszlo. Great grandmother Ruth Tater. Evan is named in loving memory of his grandfather Thomas Laszlo.

Mazel Tov to Richard, son of Daniel and Gisele (zl) Amar on his engagement to Risa, daughter of Carl and Joyce Gordon on July 13, 1995.
Love from Daniel and Yael, Carl, Joyce and Aubrey, Laurent and Leslie, Patrick and Tamara in Jerusalem, Ashley and Audrey.

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Scolnick, Marvin Allan on June 29, 1995, late of 118 Francine Dr.
Brodbaker, Lily on June 29, 1995, late of 80 Antibes Dr. #601
Katzman, Hyman on June 30, 1995, late of 605 Finch Ave. W. #919
Zone, Norman on June 30, 1995, late of 310 Dufferin St.
Imerman, Michael on July 1, 1995, late of 1305 Wilson Ave. W. #301
Avraham, Zaharia on July 1, 1995, late of 55 Ameer Ave. #517
Goldman, Katie on July 2, 1995
Scholes, Florence on June 30, 1995, late of 370 Ridelle Ave. #606
Arshawsky, David on July 2, 1995, late of 14 Codsell Ave.
Goldberg, Maya on July 4, 1995, late of 6161 Bathurst St. P.H.15
Kazenel, Rose on July 4, 1995
Manett, Bertha on June 5, 1995, late of 330 Dixon Rd. #303
Zylberberg, Mayer on July 5, 1995, late of 130 Dunn Ave.
Elmaleh, Eli on July 6, 1995, late of 270 McNicoll Ave.
Ezer, Aziza on July 5, 1995, late of 300 Antibes Dr. #307
Anidjar, Max on July 6, 1995, late of 2900 Bathurst St. #903
Levin, Abraham on July 5, 1995, late of Baycrest
Faust, Ethel on July 7, 1995
Wolfe, Toby on July 7, 1995, late of 153 Palm Dr.
Vaserman, David on July 7, 1995, late of 5935 Bathurst St.
Benhaim, Nina on July 6, 1995, late of 4455 Bathurst St. #523
Siegel, Tania on July 8, 1995, late of 207 Clanton Park Rd.
Zimilis, Josef on July 9, 1995, late of 68 Crown Heights Cres.

Steeles Memorial Chapel

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument in Memory of
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Beloved mother of
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Dr. Rick Lash & Dr. Elizabeth Tarshis
and her great Grandchild Rebecca
She is missed by her long time employees
Lucy Cariola & Grace Galasso
Services will be held on
SUNDAY, JULY 23rd, 1995 at 1:00 p.m.
Mt. Sinai Memorial Park. Sunnyside Section
Rabbi Dr. David Monson Officiating.
Friends of the family are invited to attend.

330 OBITUARIES

Ruth Rosenblum on June 30, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Lola Arbeeman on July 1, 1995, late of 131 Torresdale Ave. #1105
Jules Schwartz on July 3, 1995, late of 355 St. Clair Ave. W. #2202
Harry Shlesinger on July 4, 1995, late of 3800 Yonge St. #106
Claire Sweet on July 3, 1995, late of 1655 Bathurst St. Upper Duplex
Alex Rosenberg on July 3, 1995, late of 531 Douglas Ave.
Anny Ekstein on July 4, 1995, late of 10 Senlac Rd.
Manning Otis on July 6, 1995, late of 46 Wembley Rd.
Arnold Greene on July 6, 1995, late of 280 Golf St.
Rose Musicar on July 8, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Sylvia Pulver on July 8, 1995, late of 21 Junewood Cres.
Nathan Fields on July 6, 1995, late of 41 Mabelle Ave. #406
Jacob Schneider on July 6, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst Street
Judith Dan on July 7, 1995, late of 78 The Bridle Path
Rae Rebick on July 9, 1995, late of 4005 Bayview Ave. #103
Trudy Borchardt on July 9, 1995, late of 1555 Finch Ave. E. #1906
Joan Kerbel on July 10, 1995, late of 321 Rosemary Rd.
Annie Piltzmaker on July 8, 1995, late of 4001 Bayview Ave. #202
Heather Cloth on July 9, 1995, late of 13 Harlington Rd.
Violet Schwartz on June 20, 1995, late of 2643 Inlake Crt.
Louis Lenkinski on June 20, 1995, late of 48 Meadowbrook Rd. #4
Marie Sachter on June 22, 1995 late of 10 Shallmar Blvd. #409
Philip Kruger on June 22, 1995, late of 205 Cummer Ave.
Anne Cooper on June 22, 1995 late of 20 Burton Rd.
Lillian Allen on June 22, 1995, late of 2075 Bayview Ave.
Bella Diamond/Krigstin on June 23, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst St
Berek Rosenblum on June 24, 1995, late of 3179 Yonge St. 522
Tilly Bloom on June 23, 1995, late of 3276 St. Clair Ave. E.
Harry Bader on June 23, 1995, late of 15 Morning Gloryway
Molly Freedman on June 24, 1995, late of 26 Langholm Dr.
Berta Levin on June 25, 1995, late of 165 Elmridge Dr.
David Zweig on June 26, 1995, late of 535 Sheppard Ave. W. #403
Stephen Steinberg on June 24, 1995, late of 118 Three Valleys Drive
Samuel Shafman on June 27, 1995, late of 128 Fenn Ave.
Brenda Marks on June 27, 1995, late of 547 Steeles ave W. #56
David Goldberg on June 29, 1995, late of 15 Canyon Ave. #1103
Sheldon Kirsh on June 28, 1995, late of 5 Old Park Lane

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Swartz, Samuel on July 9, 1995, late of 6250 Bathurst
Danchenko, Mark on July 8, 1995, late of 27 Greensides Ave.
Sakowich, Sara on July 11, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Brikman, Norman on July 10, 1995, late of 61 Greenbush Rd.
Sacks, Joseph on July 11, 1995, late of 78 Combe Ave.
Kerchenbaum, Mina on July 12, 1995, late of 80 Antibes
Ohnona, Donna on July 12, 1995, late of Baycrest

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Dear Jesse,
I am very concerned about my father. He and my mother were married for close to 60 years. When my mother died last year, my father indicated that he did not want to move from their home. He misses her terribly. I have tried to convince him to move into a residence but he is intent on doing things his way. He will not even discuss his plans with me.

R.G.

Dear R.G.,
Do not be insulted if your father does not confide completely in you about his concerns or his emotional pain. Sometimes people feel more comfortable discussing these issues with peers; for example, with friends who have been widowed or in a peer support group milieu.

Your father's desire to do things his way is a clear indication of his need to remain in control of his life. Respecting his wishes i the key to helping him maintain his independence and dignity.

Remember grief knows no schedule. There is no quick fix for moving on with one's life after the death of a loved one. The grief process must be respected and dealt with one step at a time. Meanwhile be patient and continue your supportive involvement.

You might check your local family service agency or community health centre for a support group for widowed seniors in your father's area, but if he does not feel ready for a group yet, keep the number handy for future reference. Participants in a support group have the opportunity to share concerns, reduce isolation and explore community resources in a non-judgmental, supportive atmosphere.

Jesse is the executive director of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly in Montreal.

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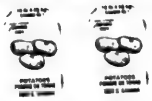

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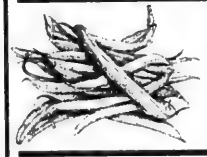

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Terror strikes in Ramat Gan

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — At least six Israelis were killed and 33 injured when a suicide bomber blew himself up on a bus in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan on Monday morning.

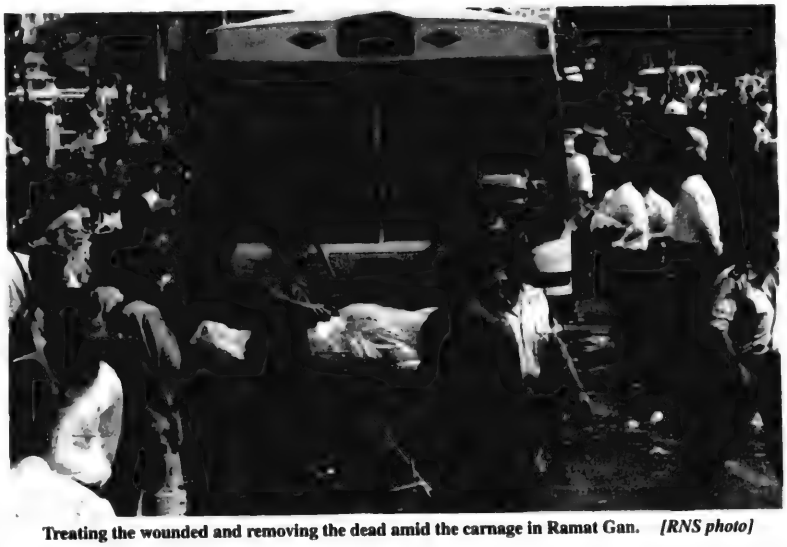
Hamas claimed responsibility for the explosion, which went off during rush hour at a busy junction next to the Israel Diamond Exchange.

The bombing occurred a few days after the murder of two Israeli hikers near Jerusalem and marks the end of a three-month hiatus in terror attacks on Israelis. The incident brought back the grim scenes of the October suicide bombing of a Dizengoff Street bus, in which 22 were killed, and the January suicide attack at the Beit Lid junction that left 21 dead.

Witnesses at Monday's explosion described a deafening blast, a bus in flames and body parts flying in all directions. Within minutes, ambulances were evacuating the wounded, while police scoured the area for additional explosives.

The attack came one day before the July 25 deadline set by Palestinian and Israeli negotiators for reaching an agreement on expansion of Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank. Earlier this week, negotiators said they were unlikely to settle their differences by the target date.

The bombing prompted renewed calls by the opposition to suspend the talks and President Ezer Weizman urged the government to rethink its policy.



Treating the wounded and removing the dead amid the carnage in Ramat Gan. *[RNS photo]*

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin rejected these calls, saying that stopping the negotiations would only reward the perpetrators of the act. He said the talks would be suspended for only a few days during the period in which the funerals of the victims are held.

"We will not allow the murderers ... to achieve their goal of suspending the peace talks ... We are firm in our resolve to continue talking to those who do not commit acts of terror ... and who are taking part in the war against terror," said Rabin.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said, "there is no guarantee that stopping negotiations will stop terror. On the contrary, the danger will increase."

But Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, submitting one of five motions of no-confidence, accused the government of "supporting terror instead of putting an end to it." He called for "action instead of illusion" and demanded " a different policy and a different government that will protect the lives of Jews."

Right-wing Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan called for new elections and asked to meet with the president to discuss the establishment of "an emergency national unity government."

Meanwhile, angry crowds tried to attack Police Minister Moshe Shahal and Chief of Staff Amnon Shahak at the site of the bombing on Monday.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat condemned the bombing, calling it "a terrorist act intended to sabotage the peace process."

Rabin announced that the closure imposed on the West Bank and Gaza Strip in the wake of the attack would not be a long-lasting one.

Alan Rose eulogized

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Alan Rose, former executive vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and one of world Jewry's most respected ambassadors-at-large, was remembered at his funeral for his integrity, tolerance and wisdom.

Over 500 persons, more than the capacity of the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue, came to bid farewell to Rose, who died July 18 at age 74.

Rose, who had retired from Congress in August 1994 to accept an appointment to the federal Immigration and Refugee Board, died after suffering from a brain tumor for several months.

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Life along the Green Line

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

KFAR SABA — No place seems as far removed from the Arab-Israeli conflict as Kfar Saba, a quiet middle class town of shopping malls and café-lined boulevards in the Sharon Valley.

But some residents, like shopkeeper Ester Levy, fear that this bedroom community of Tel Aviv may soon be transformed into a Lebanese-style battleground.

That's because Kfar Saba is a five-minute walk from Kalkilya, one of six Arab cities in the West Bank that are to come under Palestinian self-rule with the implementation of Phase 2 of the Oslo accord.

The imminent withdrawal of the Israeli army from these cities and the arrival of Palestinian police in their place has residents of Kfar Saba worried.

Not everyone is as worried as Levy, but for the first time since the signing of the Oslo accord, Israelis living in the centre of the country realize that, for better or worse, the peace process is about to have a direct effect on them.

The majority fear the change will be for the worse, with 64 per cent anticipating a deterioration in their personal safety, according to a Dahaf poll published in the Hebrew newspaper *Yediot Aharonot*.

"The peace process is no longer something happening far off in the Gaza Strip," says Ariella Pinchus of Kfar Saba. "It's here – five minutes away from my home."

The next phase of the Oslo accord will bring self-rule to Arab cities that are minutes away from Kfar Saba, as well as dozens of other Israeli communities straddling the 1967 Green Line.

Jews living east of that line, on settlements throughout the West Bank, are uniformly opposed to the scheme – and many have vowed to resort to civil disobedience to prevent it.

But Jews living west of that line – in pre-1967 Israel – are, for the most part, ambivalent. Many are Labor party supporters who backed the Oslo accord. Now they face the true test: Are they ready to live within walking distance of a Palestinian state-in-formation?

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CANADA

Hadassah Won't Go

VANCOUVER — Canadian Hadassah-WIZO won't send delegates to the United Nations' world conference on women outside Beijing in September.

National president Judy Mandleman said no press coverage of the conference will be permitted, and the idea of a woman's rights conference in a country where women have few rights doesn't make sense.

She said a number of members have signed up to attend but the national executive decided against sending participants.

Ottawa BGU President

OTTAWA — Harry Prizant, an optometrist, has been appointed president of the Ottawa chapter of the Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. He succeeds Susannah Dalfen, president for the past seven years.

Jewish Lawyers' Parley

TORONTO — About 200 Canadians will join colleagues from 35 countries at the 10th congress of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists, to take place in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

The congress will include a model trial presided over by the president of Israel's Supreme Court, Meir Shamgar, and four other leading international jurists, including Ontario Chief Justice Charles Dubin.

ISRAEL

New Cabinet Ministers

JERUSALEM — The Knesset last week approved two new cabinet ministers.

Former deputy foreign minister Yossi Beilin is the new minister of economic affairs and planning. The post was vacated when religious affairs minister Shimon Shetreet relinquished the job.

Former Israel Defence Force (IDF) Chief of Staff Ehud Barak will head the Interior Ministry, replacing David Libai, who will continue as justice minister.

Airmen Missing

JERUSALEM — Two Israel Air Force officers were missing and presumed lost last week after their F-16 fighter plane collided with another F-16 off the coast of Nahariya early Tuesday morning.

The airmen failed to eject from their plane after the collision.

Concertgoers Crushed

JERUSALEM — Two young music fans, one a tourist from Los Angeles, were killed and hundreds injured at the Arad music festival last Tuesday night, when the gates to the event collapsed, crushing hundreds of youngsters.

Organizers closed the annual festival. Officials said some 21,000 fans had gathered at a venue built for 17,000.

Diaspora Museum Closes

TEL AVIV — The staff at Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, has been fired and the museum temporarily closed.

Dismissal notices sent to the 100 or so employees earlier this month said the museum was being closed indefinitely "for vacation."

Employees, angered by an eight per cent wage cut, declared a strike June 15.

Driving to Jordan

JERUSALEM — Israelis will be permitted to drive to Jordan beginning some time next month, a senior Jordanian official said last Tuesday. For security reasons, Israeli licence plates will be removed at border crossings in favor of Jordanian plates.

Paternity Leave in IDF?

JERUSALEM — The Israel Defence Force is examining the issue of paternity leave after a reserve officer showed up at his army base with his 4-month-old son.

Ariel Cohen, a reserve captain, had tried unsuccessfully to get an exemption from duty. When Cohen, a reserve captain, joined his unit last week with his baby son in tow, the army gave him an immediate exemption.

WORLD

A Czech List

PRAGUE — A secret list of thousands of Czech Jews was compiled during the Communist regime in the 1980s, reports said here last week.

The Office for the Documentation of Communist Crimes is probing the operation, code-named Spider. It's believed there may have been a plan to hand over the list to terrorist groups, or use it to discredit prominent Jews.

Other reports say the list contained the names of Jews the Czech government was allowing to immigrate to Israel.

Aussie Solidarity

ADELAIDE — More than 1,000 people crammed into a cemetery here last week to express solidarity with the Jewish community of Adelaide, where more than 60 graves and headstones were vandalized earlier this month.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin sent a letter expressing his "utter digust" at the desecration.

The government of South Australia said it would provide funds for the "full restoration of the [damaged] tombstones," matching an earlier commitment by the federal government.

Vandalism Condemned

BUCHAREST — Washington's ambassador to Bucharest has condemned the large-scale vandalism of a Jewish cemetery here, and called on Romanian authorities to do the same.

Alfred Moses visited the cemetery to see the 100 gravestones smashed last month.

Jewish leaders say it was the worst incident at a Jewish cemetery since the 1989 fall of Communism.

Klarsfeld Slams France

PARIS — The French government kept or sold assets seized by the collaborationist Vichy regime from Jews deported during the wartime Nazi occupation, Nazi-hunting lawyer Serge Klarsfeld charged last week.

In an interview the day before France apologized for its role in rounding up Jews for deportation, Klarsfeld urged the government to compensate the descendants of Jews who lost their property.

He said millions of francs in cash, valuables and property confiscated from 70,000 Jews deported to concentration camps was transferred to the French treasury after the war.

Soros Rebuked

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — Slovakia's ruling party said last week it would move to bar American billionaire philanthropist George Soros from the country because he had "slandered" it.

In a July 1 speech, Soros warned of the danger of fascism in Eastern Europe, naming Slovakian Prime Minister Vladimir Meciar, Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and Croatian President Franjo Tudjman as leading proponents of business interests combined with nationalism, which he called "a classical recipe of fascism."

Soros has refused to withdraw his comments.

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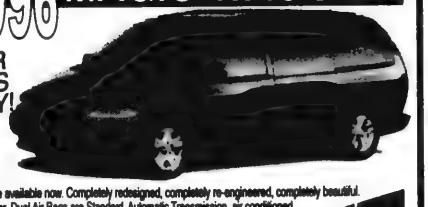

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Molecular genetics project launched in Israel

Researchers make aliyah en masse

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In an unprecedented move, some half dozen North American researchers are making aliyah en masse to form the nucleus of a new molecular medicine research department at Israel's Technion Institute in Haifa.

Toronto physician Dr. Karl Skorecki, 42, a kidney specialist with expertise in molecular genetics, is the linchpin of the group. Currently the director of nephrology in the Department of Medicine and Pediatrics at the University of Toronto, Skorecki will take on his new position in Israel when the department opens in September.

Israel is a good place to pursue molecular genetic research because its population includes many large extended families, Skorecki told *The CJN* during an interview at his office in the Hospital for Sick Children. (He is also on staff at the Toronto Hospital.)

The Technion is well suited to his research because of its high technology focus and the school's affiliated 900-bed hospital, the Rambam Medical Centre.

Molecular genetics helps identify individuals, who because of family background, may be prone to certain diseases.

Skorecki's multidisciplinary project, officially known as the Centre of Excellence in Molecular Medicine, is being set up at a cost of $2 million US ($2.8 million Canadian). The Canadian Technion Society in Toronto is raising funds to underwrite the project.

Skorecki's team, which will include Israeli researchers, will focus initially on the genetic causes of kidney disease.

In North America, about 200,000 people need dialysis or a kidney transplant because of kidney failure caused by common disorders such as diabetes or hypertension, which have a predisposing genetic component.

"Our ultimate goal is to prevent kidney failure in the first place," said Skorecki. Within 20 or 30 years, he speculates, scientists will be able to regenerate damaged kidney tissue.

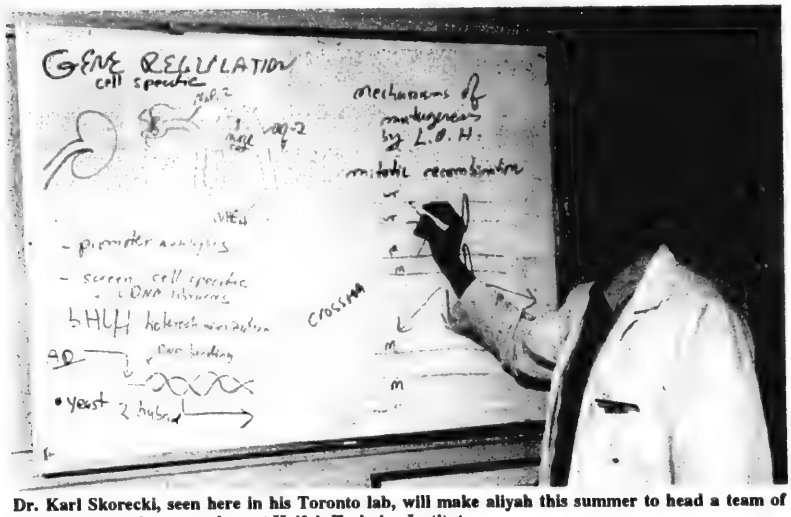
Bettering the human condition is the guiding principle behind Skorecki's work. As an Orthodox Jew, he is strongly motivated by the principle of *tikkun olam* (improving the world).

He also feels a strong "religious, moral and historical imperative to try and live in Israel." Skorecki, his wife Linda and their five children had a taste of life in Israel five years ago when he was on a six-month sabbatical at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot.

A native of Toronto, Skorecki is an alumnus of Associated Hebrew Schools and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto, from which he graduated with the highest academic standing in Canada in 1971.

His unassuming manner offers little hint about the extent of his achievements. After completing medical school at the University of Toronto, where he was a gold medalist in 1977, he spent seven years doing post-graduate work in Boston before returning to Toronto. During university, he also continued Talmud studies, worked part-time as a Hebrew teacher, lifted weights and ran competitively.

His decision to leave Toronto was not an impulsive one, he stressed. He has been very happy here, he said. The opportunity at Technion, however, will give him the chance to fulfil longstanding dreams.



Dr. Karl Skorecki, seen here in his Toronto lab, will make aliyah this summer to head a team of molecular genetics researchers at Haifa's Technion Institute.

Hospice program in danger

TORONTO — Time is running out on the Jewish Hospice Care program.

Most of the financial support for the 3-year-old, $82,000 project comes from the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Bequest and Endowment Fund and a private donation. However, funding is scheduled to stop in May 1996. If replacement sources are not found by then, Jewish Hospice Care could shut down.

The team of hospice professionals and volunteers led by Hospice advisory board chair Michael Steele helps terminally ill patients at home. Counselling, pain control and assistance with daily living are among the services supplied.

Hospice Care coordinator Sheila Walker, a Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) social worker, says families of dying patients also receive a lot of help.

Walker and her Hospice Care colleagues, Dr. Larry Librach of Mount Sinai Hospital, JF&CS chaplain Rabbi Ronald Weiss and Renee Montpellier from Senior Care have helped nearly 150 patients to date.

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Charges levied against cemetery

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A judgment of over $400,000 has been levied against Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park in a construction lien case going back several years.

It isn't clear whether the cemetery will appeal or what will happen if it can't pay.

The matter stems from road and earth work done in the cemetery by the Geralina Construction Co. of Concord, Ont. beginning in 1989.

The two parties were at odds over the final bill for new roads, repairs, excavations and a sprinkler system.

The contractor claimed that its final bill reflected the costs of extra work to repair what it said was poor subsoil. At a recent trial, the cemetery argued that the cost of repairing the soil was within the contract and not an extra.

A lien was placed on certain properties in the cemetery. The lien is still valid, but according to Geralina's lawyer, James Morton, it does not apply to the graves but only to roads, the parking lot and the cemetery office.

Indeed, in an April judgment from a master of the Ontario Court (General Division), the land's special status was noted, saying the court will handle any sale if it becomes necessary to enforce the lien.

At a June 29 hearing, the court found that Bathurst Lawn owes the construction company $225,000 for extra work, plus $130,000 interest and costs of $50,000, as well as $7,000 in other costs, totalling over $400,000.

The cemetery has paid almost the entire amount of the original contract, which was $409,150.

In its April decision, the court found that the extra work had been ordered by the cemetery's then president, Daniel Geist, and approved by the board.

But the court noted that Geist resigned in 1990 after "ill feelings" arose between him and members of the board, and that a new board was elected in October of that year.

According to Bathurst Lawn president Carl Kellen, the cemetery is owned by 56 synagogues, religious organizations and fraternal societies in Metro. Kellen could not say whether any of them could be liable for costs.

Asked whether the ruling will be appealed, the cemetery's lawyer, Lynn Lenihan, told *The CJN* "that's privileged information," and declined further comment.

Deportation proceedings dismissed against Nemsila

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The government effort to bring Nazi war criminals to justice was dealt yet another in a series of body blows last week when an Immigration adjudicator dismissed deportation proceedings against alleged war criminal Josef Nemsila.

In a blunt, four-sentence statement, Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) adjudicator Ed McNamara ruled that Nemsila is a landed immigrant who obtained Canadian domicile and is protected from deportation proceedings. "There is no purpose for carrying on with this inquiry ... The proceedings are closed," he said.

Speaking in halting English immediately after the decision was rendered, Nemsila told a crush of reporters, "I feel very good. I had this feeling. I knew it would happen."

Justice department lawyer Christopher Amerasinghe, who headed a four-member Immigration/Justice legal team, said he wouldn't comment on McNamara's decision until he saw the written reasons. But he appeared shaken when asked how the decision would affect legal proceedings against other alleged Nazi war criminals, offering only, "No comment."

Nemsila was one of four alleged war criminals facing deportation proceedings. The three others are all Canadian citizens who face denaturalization proceedings to strip them of their citizenship before they can be deported.

Government officials turned to the deportation remedy when four criminal prosecutions resulted in one not guilty verdict and three cases were dismissed.

Justice and Immigration officials allege that Nemsila was a member of the pro-Nazi Hlinka Guard in Slovakia and that he misrepresented his involvement with the organization when he immigrated to Canada. His immigration documents label his wartime occupation as "farmer."

Jewish community spokespersons reacted with shock at MacNamara's decision. "I'm very surprised," said Steven Shulman, associate director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

"It will be shocking to most Canadians that someone interpreting the law decided that if you deceive successfully, you can succeed."

Shulman said it appears the decision favors those who enter the country by lying to immigration authorities and getting away with it for 45 years.

He urged federal authorities to appeal the decision.

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada said "it is a grave injustice that an individual who [allegedly] lied about his past involvement in the arrest, detention and execution of civilians can enter Canada and take refuge behind Canadian laws." He called for an appeal of the decision.

Nemsila's lawyer, Barbara Jackman, said her client denies allegations he lied when he entered Canada. She said Nemsila could still be deported — if federal prosecutors charge him with a criminal offence and he is convicted. "I think the answer is to bring them to a criminal court prosecution where you can apply due process," she said.

"I believe in using the criminal justice system to punish people, not using the immigration system to banish people," she said.

McNamara's decision came after a day of technical legal arguments that focused on domicile, a concept that no longer exists in current immigration law but which was in effect when Nemsila came to Canada in 1950. Jackman argued that Canadian law protects from deportation those domiciled for five years.

Amerasinghe said domicile applies to those who are properly "landed" — to immigrants who have been accepted into Canada for the purposes of remaining permanently. But no one can be lawfully landed if they lied to immigration authorities when they entered the country, he argued.

A report under the Immigration Act, filed with the IRB, alleges that Nemsila was a member of the Hlinka Guard from 1939-45 and was a company commander of a unit of the "alerted Hlinka Guard."

Nemsila served two years in prison but escaped custody from the labor camp in 1949 and fled to Austria. He came to Canada in 1950.

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Torah's completion celebrated by Lubavitch

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The wet weather did not dampen the joyful spirit of some 500 people who recently paraded along York Hill Boulevard, dancing and singing as they escorted a newly completed Torah to the Thornhill Chabad Community Centre.

The Torah was dedicated to the memory of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, who died in New York City a year ago.

Chabad Lubavitch has no plans to name a successor to the Rebbe, keynote speaker Rabbi Avraham Shemtov, the leader of Chabad in Philadelphia and the late Rebbe's emissary to the U.S. government, told the audience assembled at Eitz Chaim's Thornhill Campus for the completion of the final last letters of the Torah.

Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum, the executive vice president of Chabad Lubavitch Southern Ontario, told *The CJN* no one can take the Rebbe's place because no one has his charisma and vision.

The honor of filling in the last few Torah letters was bestowed upon various Chabad leaders and supporters, one of whom was Senator Jerry Graftstein.

Grafstein told the audience that during a period of turmoil in his life he went to see the late Rebbe for advice. "The advice he gave me was tremendous. The problems I thought were overwhelming began to resolve themselves. I saw the power of the rabbi's grasp of human psychology."

Over 500 people helped escort a newly completed Torah to the Thornhill Chabad Community Centre.

Rabbi Grossbaum said the Rebbe had concerned himself with individuals and had affected many people, and so it was a fitting tribute to him to involve the greater Jewish community in the dedication of a Torah.

Chabad sent out 50,000 brochures in an effort to invite as many people as possible to participate in the dedication of the 600,000 letters in the Torah, Rabbi Grossbaum said.

"Many people — in the thousands — sent notes and anonymous gifts. They were not all affiliated with Chabad, but they had been touched by the Rebbe. We were touched by the diverse background of the people."

A Torah dedicated by a community is very unusual because a Torah is usually commissioned by private individuals and dedicated in honor of family members, Rabbi Grossbaum said.

Bronfman praises Rose's integrity

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Charles Bronfman said, "Integrity was the word that came immediately to mind when thinking about Alan. Others are decency, honor and credibility." He praised Rose's dedication to the "dignity and freedom of his fellow Jews" and in particular, his efforts on behalf of Soviet and Ethiopian Jewry and his ability to gain the assistance of Canadian government officials.

Solicitor-General Herb Grey attended the funeral, and a message of condolence from Prime Minister Jean Chretien was read.

Rabbi Howard Joseph of the Spanish and Portuguese, his voice breaking at one point, said, "When Alan Rose spoke, people listened," because he had the knowledge and eloquence that bespoke greatness. "He was a great public servant of the Jewish people."

Rose was deeply influenced by the experience of liberating the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp as a tank commander in the British army, Rabbi Joseph said. He saw action in North Africa, northwest Europe and Italy. After the war, he "devoted his life to the reconstruction of Jewish life."

Born in Dundee, Scotland, in 1921, and educated in London, Rose volunteered in Israel's War of Independence. He emigrated to Canada in 1957 and worked for the Jewish Agency and the forerunner of the Canada-Israel Committee before coming to Congress in 1970, first as assistant director to Saul Hayes. Rose became national executive director in 1974 and three years later, executive vice-president.

He travelled to the remotest Jewish communities in the world and represented Canadian Jewry at numerous international events.

"Alan was a gentleman, a mentsh, with many virtues, of which we most appreciated his patience, tolerance and understanding." These qualities enabled him to appreciate diverse opinions, faiths and cultures, and to make decisions on complex issues, the rabbi said.

Many thousands of Jews in the Soviet Union, Ethiopia, Cuba, Iraq and elsewhere owe their security today to Rose, he said. Rose also played a key role in seeking reparations from Germany for Holocaust survivors.

"[Rose's] name will always be recorded among those who championed the Jewish cause and advanced the interests of the Jewish people in Canada and abroad," wrote World Jewish Congress secretary general Israel Singer.

The president of the Canadian Council of Churches, Alexandra Johnston, sent this message: "Alan ensured that the dialogue among our two faith communities in Canada was frank and substantive."

Apostolic Nuncio Carlo Curis, the Vatican's envoy in Canada, described Rose as "a person of generous dedication and devout commitment."

In an interview last year on his retirement from Congress, Rose said he felt privileged to live at a time that allowed him to participate in momentous events.

"My generation was born in the worst and best of times. We were committed to fight fascism in battle and struggle for the rights of Soviet Jews during the Cold War.

"We witnessed the rescue of Ethiopian Jews, in which CJC played a major part in concert with the Israeli government.

"These and countless other issues have enriched my life, as they were events of great purpose for our people."

Current national executive director Jack Silverstone said, "Alan gained universal respect in Canadian society, from the top levels of government and the civil service to interfaith communities and the diplomatic corps. He was a committed Zionist, with a tremendous desire to see peace in the Middle East."

Among his many honors, Rose was a member of the Order of Canada and received, in 1980, the U.S. Presidential Citation of Honor as a camp liberator. Last year, the French government awarded him the Médaille Militaire de la Libération.

At the CJC Plenary Assembly in May, he was given the Samuel Bronfman Medal, and last month received the Jerusalem Prize from the World Zionist Organization.

Rose is survived by wife Joyce and sister Hazel Tovey in Israel.

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REENA HONORS ITS OWN

From left: Reena's vice-chair Angela Ianuzziello presents Stephen Aronovitch with the Employee of the Year award, while Bloor Jewish Community Centre assistant director Sarah Klaiman and director Bill Emery accept the Employer of the Year award at Reena's recent annual meeting. Also honored as Employee of the Year was Judy Zoltak and Teknion Furniture Systems as Employer of the Year. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Rabbi Pearlson to retire

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — After 41 years as the spiritual head of Temple Sinai, Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, 71, is concerned that he not become a "blessed antique" who is revered but ignored.

Rabbi Jordan Pearlson

Though he is being honored at a retirement tribute dinner August 26, the new "founding rabbi" hopes he'll still keep close contact with the temple membership.

He has a vivid memory of the early days in 1954 when a small group of families living in Lawrence Manor hired him to help found the second Reform temple in Ontario. He had been offered assistantships in Milwaukee and Hollywood, Calif., and his family and friends chided his decision to go to Canada.

The young rabbi too had a lot at stake. He worked as a cutter's assistant in the clothing business when he found firms weren't hiring Jewish engineers. He took a year in law school but developed a distaste of the law, and instead headed for the rabbinate.

But come to Canada he did. "It was the luckiest decision of my life," he said. "I found here the congenial atmosphere of British propriety and morality with which I was already familiar from my upbringing in Boston."

He well remembers Temple Sinai's first office over a hardware store on Bathurst Street where the bedrooms were converted to midweek Hebrew classrooms. At the High Holy Day services in the old Glendale Theatre on Avenue Road members had to arrive early to change the light bulbs, and change them back again for the theatre's matinee performance.

Two years later a start was made on its present structure on Wilson Avenue. "We began to build a permanent home," he said. "We received $25,000 as a loan from Holy Blossom and we had $475,000 of chutzpah."

Without a sanctuary of its own, Temple Sinai was offered space in Ashbury and West United Church on Bathurst Street, the first such courtesy ever offered to a Jewish congregation.

When he first arrived in Toronto, the rabbi stayed on weekends with various families who were active in its founding. He said he is "eternally grateful" not only to that group but to the high quality lay leadership and staff he has worked with over the years.

He was lucky to be in Toronto, he said, when the post-war boom was developing and the growth of Temple Sinai coincided over the next four decades with the rise of the Toronto Jewish community to become one of the most vigorous in the Diaspora.

Temple Sinai was able to integrate into its fold various waves of newcomers. "I was anxious that we not develop a sort of Germanic-Chicago style of temple. We wanted everyone to feel comfortable." This is one of the reasons the temple has annual Yiddish nights which attract overflow crowds.

In September of 1958, Rabbi Pearlson married Geraldine Goldstein. They were married for 27 years. They have three children, Joshua, Nessa and Abigail, and one granddaughter, Rayna Jae, daughter of Joshua and Rossana Pearlson. Joshua is in real estate and investments, Nessa is in TV production in New York and Abigail is a student at York University.

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The tour of the Baycrest campus was also aimed at community members who wanted to learn more about the centre. The bus stopped at various points of interest for tour guide discussions.

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Stroke Recovery Group

TORONTO — Some came in wheelchairs and some walked, supported by canes, but everyone enjoyed the food, hummed along to the music and even did the hoochy-coochy, at the Bathurst Jewish Centre's (BJC) fifth annual Stroke Recovery Group dinner.

The group has about 50 members, all of whom have had strokes and have been through some rehabilitation. They meet three times a week at the BJC for exercise, swimming, socializing and outings.

Irene Lastman, coordinator of the dinner held recently at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, suffered a stroke 13 years ago. She said she was "overwhelmed by the number of members, spouses, support persons and group volunteers who came.

"For some, it is the first party they've attended since their stroke. It was a tremendous accomplishment just to get here."

She said the group was a great factor in rehabilitation after her stroke and that it contributes to the members' well-being "in body, mind and spirit."

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Rabbi Schneerson's Yahrzeit

TORONTO — "... and even though Mashiach may tarry, (still) I await his coming every day."

On the first anniversary of the death of the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, his personal secretary urged Jews everywhere to prepare for the coming of Mashiach.

"Mashiach is on the way and to prepare ourselves, we must add more goodness and kindness each day," Rabbi Leibel Groner told a recent gathering sponsored by the Toronto division of International Campaign to Help Bring Mashiach, held in honor of the Lubavitcher Rebbe.

Rabbi Groner, the Rebbe's secretary for over 45 years, told the crowd at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, that the ultimate purpose of a yahrzeit is to recollect that person's life and dwell on what they meant to us. "Yahrzeit is a day of reconnection and reattachment — a day to think about what the Rebbe has inspired in us and how we can continue on with his ideals.

"As we reflect on his yahrzeit, we must think about what we are going to do. If we believe in the Rebbe's philosophy then we should take a lesson from him. We should fulfil his wishes by doing something each day and then taking it upon ourselves to doing something more."

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Library Dedicated

TORONTO — Hy Lampert was surrounded by family and friends who gathered to dedicate a library in his name.

Located in the B'nai Brith Upper Canada Lodge Senior Citizen's Building, the new Hy Lampert Library is a popular gathering place for residents, with its overflowing bookshelves, comfortable arm chairs, writing tables and soft colors.

Lampert was one of the original signing members of the 1946 Upper Canada Lodge B'nai Brith charter and the 13th lodge president.

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She'arim Annual Brunch

TORONTO — The Jewish community cannot isolate itself from the greater society, Sheila Finestone, Secretary of State for Multiculturalism, recently told an audience of 275.

Finestone was the keynote speaker at the Dr. Abraham Shore Academy She'arim Hebrew Day School annual brunch held at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Murray and Clara Shore were honored for their work on behalf of the school, Canada's first and only Jewish day school for children with learning disabilities.

"In Canada, Jews are living with tolerance and we should extend that to our neighbors," Feinstone said.

She praised She'arim students and alumni for their achievements.

Cory Shiner, 20, a former student, told the audience his teachers at She'arim gave him the learning tools to excel academically. They showed him how to compensate for his learning disabilities by capitalizing on his strengths, he said. "They challenged me to succeed. If it wasn't for their efforts I wouldn't be where I am today."

Shiner graduated from She'arim with honors and went on to finish Thornhill High School with an 82 per cent average. He is currently attending a college recreational leadership program and he is the co-founder and co-owner of Kids of Canada Hockey Camp.

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New Lubavitch School

TORONTO — As part of the ongoing expansion of the Chabad Lubavitch Hebrew School in Toronto, a new school will be opened this fall in the Bathurst/Eglinton-Forest Hill area, at the Forest Hill Public School.

The Hebrew School's southern branch will be the only Orthodox-run Hebrew School in the area catering to children and their families, no matter what level of observance. The Hebrew School will provide Jewish education for public school children ages 5-15, offering a six-hour a week program on Monday, Wednesday and Sunday.

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Bread and Butter

The premier of Ontario certainly has a mandate to undertake firm measures to reduce the province's annual operating and cumulative deficit. Deficit reduction was one of the key planks in his campaign platform. And it was on his platform that the plurality of Ontario voters recently chose to make their electoral stand. We therefore commend the new government for its determination to be true to its campaign promises. But we question the manner of the budget cutting performed last week and the nature of some of the $1.9-billion cuts.

To be sure, it is better to act resolutely when yielding a remedial scalpel. Indecision often merely forestalls the inevitable and prolongs the pathology. But decisive action does not preclude proper nor thoughtful action.

The premier was obviously determined to act swiftly. Justifiably so. But a reduction in the province's budget in the magnitude of almost $2 billion would have been more appropriately announced on the floor of the Legislature in session rather than in the media conference room.

There is more than symbolism to the chamber. There is the intellectual requirement of demonstrating the reasoning underlying the specifics of one's policies that parliamentary debate demands.

The economic statement announcing the cuts was brief. It stressed primarily the need for budget reductions, about which there is hardly any serious question. But it mostly ignored the rationale for the cuts actually made. Indeed some of the targets were less logical than they were easy; for example, the welfare needy.

Welfare rates for about 500,000 people will be cut by 21.6 per cent starting Oct. 1. That will effectively take away $311 a month from a single mother with which to provide for her two children. Her new allowance will be $1,126. How will she be able to provide the necessities of life to her family?

The premier introduced the budget cutting last week by saying: "We must all share in the sacrifices if we are to share in the gains ..." But even the *Globe and Mail* noticed that "the poorest people in Ontario – those dependent on social assistance – will bear the largest single share of the cuts ..."

What gains will be left for welfare recipients to share after they have sacrificed their bread and butter?

Water

As of this writing, it appears that the July 25 deadline for the completion of the Phase 2 agreement between Israel and the Palestinians will not be met. Despite the ongoing efforts by the two sides to find common ground, a number of unresolved issues are blocking agreement. One of the most difficult issues is water.

Naturally enough, Israel is worried that the availability of water for use by settlements on both sides of the Green Line will be seriously impaired if they cede autonomy over the land to the Palestinians.

Writing in the July 21 issue of the *Jerusalem Post* , Steve Rodan explained the background of the difficulty. Israel derives 80 per cent of its annual 600 million cubic meters (mcm) of water from three aquifers that originate in Judea and Samaria. The western aquifer, which flows from under the Samarian Hills to the coast, forms the main supply of water to the Greater Tel Aviv area and produces 350 mcm of water per year. The northern aquifer extends from Jenin to the Mt. Gilboa area and supplies water to the Jezreel Valley and Beit She'an. It produces 140 mcm of water per year. Both the western and the northern aquifers, Israeli officials say, are fully exploited. The eastern aquifer, however, extending from the Judean Hills eastward to the Jordan River, has the potential of producing 170 mcm of water per year, 50 per cent more than its current output.

Control over these three aquifers, including any new drilling arrangements in the eastern aquifer, is vital to Israel. It is therefore not hard to understand why water has proven to be one of the most difficult issues to resolve.

An agreement between the two peoples will founder or flourish on the issue of water — its joint use, distribution, preservation, development and management — in addition to that of security.

WISDOM OF THE AGES:
The longer a blind man lives, the more he sees.

Dry Bones

ISRAELI RIGHTISTS BLAME THE ARAB TERRORISM ON THE POLICIES OF THE LEFT.
WHAT NONSENSE!
THE ISRAELI LEFT BLAMES THE POLICIES OF THE RIGHT.
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SO WHO IS TO BLAME FOR THE TERRORISM?
THE TERRORISTS!
AND THE COUNTRIES THAT SUPPORT THEM!

Argues Bristow protected Jews

Richard Cleroux's column in June 22 *CJN* provided a selective and unbalanced critique of the findings in the Security Intelligence Review Committee's (SIRC) report, the *Heritage Front Affair* and used the testimony of Elisse Hategan to do so. SIRC's report, in contrast, was based on the review of 25,000 pages of documents and contacts with more than 100 people.

The committee's report criticized many aspects of the CSIS human source operation which infiltrated the Heritage Front. But SIRC also recognized that in order to be credible to the racist targets, a source has to play the role well. The SIRC report noted that the information from the CSIS source contributed to hundreds of intelligence reports, 80 threat assessments to other agencies, the deportation or expulsion from Canada of no fewer than five foreign white supremacists, and the weakening of some racist efforts against Jewish groups and others. The information that the source gave to CSIS concerning threats to the Jewish community was turned over to the police.

Among the many findings, SIRC revealed that the source turned a death threat campaign against militant anti-racists into an aggressive information collection exercise. The committee found, however, that the serious harassment of anti-racists was unacceptable. We criticized CSIS management for their ignorance of the harassment. We also took issue with the sporadic intimidation of Jewish groups. On balance, however, the committee found that the source's information served to protect the Jewish community.

Contrary to the impression left by the article, SIRC found that neither the CSIS source nor Grant Bristow ever spied on the Reform party. That party had independently received several early warnings about racist interest in it, to little effect.

Mr. Cleroux and Ms. Hategan are, of course, entitled to their views. Committee members sought to have Ms. Hategan appear before them. After considerable effort, we thought she had agreed, but the media informed us that our proposal had been rejected. Hategan's counsel refused to provide us with her sworn affidavits, but we did obtain some of them through other means.

There was no evidence to support the article's assertion that Bristow or the source, "helped initiate, plan and execute the violent encounter." On the contrary, some of Hategan's statements inadvertently reaffirmed the SIRC findings that others were responsible for Heritage Front confrontations.

Finally, I would like to repeat here SIRC's concluding comment on the *Heritage Front Affair*: "We would like to put on record our unshakeable conviction that the Government of Canada, through all means at its disposal, should continue to ensure that it is always aware of what is going on within extreme right-wing racist and neo-Nazi groups. Canadians should never again repeat the mistakes of the past by underestimating the potential for harm embodied in hate-driven organizations."

I commend the full SIRC report, available from the Solicitor General of Canada, to your readers.

Maurice Klein
Director of Research
Security Intelligence Review
Committee (Counter-Terrorism)
Ottawa

"To my friends in Quebec"

I was in Ottawa recently and the air in the hotel restaurant was full of that lilting French-Canadian language which is so expressive and seems to convey a meaning even when you don't understand the words.

It carried me back to the days when I worked in Ottawa, when I sang *Alouette* with my French-Canadian friends at parties. It even made me recall the impact on me of *Two Solitudes* by Hugh MacLennan, a definitive outline of the Canadian political reality, which nevertheless was optimistic about the future.

The thought that Quebec might separate from Canada and that those mellifluous accents would not be part of my country saddened me. Though I never lived in Montreal, the poetry of A. M. Klein brought me close to my French-Canadian compatriots, as did holidays in the Laurentians and the Eastern Townships.

Canada is a land peopled by immigrants as well as its two founding races. My own parents came from Romania in 1910 and 1911 and went off on their honeymoon from Montreal to Ste. Agathe with a horse and sleigh. Before he became a pedlar in Ontario, my father had a shoe repair in Windsor Station and many of my relatives came to Toronto on rail tickets that were given to him in payment for services.

My own love of Yiddish is deep and stems from the years I heard it in our home and Sunday night gatherings of *mishpachah* around a beer barrel. Will anybody blame me for understanding how committed French-Canadians are to their language and culture because I am to my own — all under the umbrella of Canada?

The debate on separatism may have weightier matters than the ones I have mentioned. Still, I hold out my hand to my friends in Quebec. We have a lot in common.

David Rosner
Toronto

Offensive material at Billy Graham mission

I respect the evangelist Billy Graham. He is a force for good, unlike some others on the preachers' circuit. In the past several decades of his ministry, his moral integrity has not been besmirched.

Still, at his recent appearance in SkyDome, a newspaper, the *Endeavour*, with the imprimatur of Mission Ontario with Billy Graham 1995, was widely distributed. In it there are advertisements by two Jews for Jesus groups.

Even if Graham had no knowledge of this shenanigan beforehand, he should denounce it. Like Caesar's wife, the reverend must be above suspicion. And his organizers should be sensitive to Jewish concerns.

Jacob Mendlovic
Toronto

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Perspectives

Post-Zionism: A cause for concern?

By DAVID NEWMAN

A new phrase has been introduced to the Israeli lexicon during the past year. The phrase is post-Zionism and it has caused much consternation amongst Israelis and the wider Jewish community throughout the world. The very term suggests that Zionism is finished. The idealism that has been for so long associated with the founding of a Jewish homeland and the creation of pioneering and utopian forms of Jewish living has, according to this definition, disappeared. There is no longer any unique ideology or philosophy underlying the very existence of the State of Israel.

Under such "post-Zionist" conditions, there is no longer any justification for the existence of the State of Israel in the Middle East, surrounded by a sea of Islam. We should simply pack our bags and return to Europe, perhaps, as Philip Roth described in his recent novel, *Operation Shylock*, become part of the "Diasporism" movement which sets out to return Jews to their original "homeland" in Europe.

The right wing opponents of the present government and the ongoing peace negotiations use the term post-Zionism as a means of showing how, in their view, Israel has lost its way and no longer reflects the values and ideals of the founding fathers.

The post-Zionism discourse has come about partially as a result of the parallel debates about concepts of post-modernism during the past five years. It is "in" for something to be "post." For us to reject and negate the many theories and models of human behavior which social scientists have set up for themselves over the past century is considered to be innovative and revolutionary. Human behavior is too complicated to fit into an ordered and progressive framework. Rather, as post-modernists would argue, a bit of everything and a bit of nothing. It may not quite be anarchy, but it does allow the mind to roam without being constrained by any specific dogma that obligates us to think and rationalize in a given way. Until, of course, post-modernism becomes (as it already has) the new dogma without which we are simply not part of the ongoing battle for the minds and ideas of the future generations.

I first used the term post-Zionism in a short article published in the twice-yearly newsletter of the Israel Geographical Association back in 1989. As a settlement planner, having carried out much work on the changing nature of rural settlement and communities in Israel, I argued that we were moving into a post-Zionist settlement landscape. Kibbutzim and moshavim were undergoing (and continue to undergo) much internal transformation. From the original notion of agricultural collectives, they were becoming middle class industrial and tertiary communities. New settlements, established throughout the 1970s and 1980s, were dormitory communities (known in Israel as *yishuvim kehilati'im*), in which the residents purchased a plot of land, constructed their detached, low-density, housing unit and commuted to their previous places of employment in the major metropolitan centres of Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. These were not constructed only in the West Bank, but throughout the Galilee, the coastal plain and the northern Negev. Many of the moshavim transformed their agricultural land into residential plots and changed their status to that of dormitory community.

There was dancing in the streets of Tel Aviv when the State of Israel was proclaimed in 1948. The joy is evident on the face of this young girl, held aloft on her father's shoulders. David Newman argues, however, that the "realization of the Zionist dream" did not stop at this one moment in history. Rather, the fulfilment of the Zionist dream is, and always will be, an ongoing process. [photo by LIFE]

Needless to say, there was some strong criticism of the use of the terminology. In the following issue of the bulletin, some of my colleagues responded by refuting the concept of a post-Zionism landscape. The theme which emerged from the responses was that change in society does not necessarily mean a total refutation of the ideological underpinnings of society itself. Yes, they argued, it was true that the whole nature of settlement policy and planning was undergoing transformation. But this reflected the move away from the dominance of a particular socialist Zionist ideology to one which was more diverse and varied, one which reflected the nature of a western society in the latter part of the 20th century. Clearly, such a society would be influenced by normal economic processes of suburbanization, a search for a better quality of life outside the overcrowded and polluted urban centres, and a desire to live a "normal" middle class life within the Jewish homeland. Why should it be any different in Israel from anywhere else in the western world? After all, it is precisely this form of "normalcy" the Zionist founders and pioneers dreamed about, but which was not realized in their lifetime.

The same type of transformations can be witnessed in many other areas of Israeli life. By competing within a global community, Israel has been prepared to accept innovation and change. This is as true in the world of industry, computers and tourism as it is of settlement planning. These transformations are slowly changing Israel into a hi-tech society which can, despite its over-bureaucratized governmental structure, which remains one of the worst remnants of the rigid socialist Zionism, hold its own, and even take a leading role in the international community. The Zionist forefathers and founders had no such conceptions. They were concerned first and foremost with the founding of a Jewish homeland which would be a haven for persecuted Jews from throughout the world and to a lesser extent, with the creation of a model and utopian society which would reflect the very best of Jewish values, philosophy and teachings. The homeland exists; it is an undeniable fact. But the model society which can provide equitable social milieux for both religious and secular, for Jew and Arab, is far from being created.

Post-Zionism can be interpreted as characterizing the changing nature of Israeli society, which is adaptive to change and understands the need to shed its over-reliance on some of its unique characteristics, many of which often constrained socio-economic development, in an effort to become an equal partner within the changing international arena. Zionism was, and remains, about the creation of a state, a Jewish homeland, which would take a leading role in health, welfare, industry and social development. Zionism was not about creating a state which would always be portrayed as a social misfit, requiring the pity and assistance of the international community. Nor was it always meant to remain a society of agricultural pioneers. Each generation of Israelis has to adapt to the social and economic aspirations and constraints of the specific period in which they live.

We should not confuse the concepts of change and continuity. Change does not mean there is no continuity. It is change itself which ensures continuity of the Zionist dream — the formation of a healthy and strong society. The post-Zionist era represents the continued fulfilment of the Zionist dream. This includes the signing of peace agreements with Israel's neighbors and protagonists, since without peace we will continue to live in an abnormal situation, one in which all major issues of social and political concern within the country are pushed aside as we deal with the existential threat facing the state.

If this is post-Zionism, then we should be congratulating ourselves on the way in which it has been achieved, rather than viewing it critically. Post-Zionism is the Zionism of today. Without Zionism, the state would not have been created. Without post-Zionism, drawing strongly on its Zionist roots but at the same time shedding those parts of the mechanics of Zionism which are no longer relevant, the state will not find its way into the 21st century. Peace is post-Zionism; a strong and flourishing industrial economy is post-Zionism. Post-Zionism is the realization of the Zionist dream — a strong, healthy and independent State of Israel.

Dr. David Newman, from Ben-Gurion University in the Negev, has spent two years as a Canada-Israel Academic Exchange Fellow at Canadian universities. This is the second of a trilogy of articles Dr. Newman wrote for The CJN prior to his return to Israel.

Dry Bones

NOBODY WANTS TO ENCOURAGE AMERICAN JEWS TO COME HOME TO ISRAEL!
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Opinions

Jews by choice are real Jews also

Jean M. Gerber

When our young family arrived in the summer of 1971 to take up residence in Jerusalem we found an unfurnished flat near the centre of the city and began to assemble a hodgepodge of furniture suitable for two small children, two grandparents and ourselves.

Our landlord, seeing our distress at the lack of dishes, towels and other household items, arrived with an enormous load of stuff to tide us over. Imagine his surprise when he learned that the grandparents were not Jewish!

"But I thought you were a nice Jewish girl," he blurted.

We subsequently became fast friends and I hope he and his wife enjoyed many years of their retirement. However, he has not been the only one to tell me, once my status as a Jew by choice became known, that they had thought all along I was "a nice Jewish girl."

Today some people feel Jews are an endangered species in North America. Yet the attitude persists that Jews by choice are often part of the problem, rather than of the solution. Let me tell you some of the things that make us, as choosers, recoil in pain, and then what we bring to our chosen people.

First, the pain. The word *shiksa* must be one of the most odious epithets ever invented. I implore you not to use it. The same goes for *goyische kopf* which, as *shiksas*, we would be expected to have. (The words for non-Jewish men and women come from the biblical Hebrew for detestable thing.)

Furthermore, intermarriage is not the union of a Jew by birth and a Jew by choice. It is a marriage of a Jew and a non-Jew.

The "Draw your family tree" exercise at our son's day school was another painful experience. Where do you put the non-Jewish grandparents? Since one of them was a minister and the other the church organist, what do you say about their professions? Today I would do an in-your-face family tree. At that time, I felt only confusion and anger that my children had to answer questions beyond their understanding.

Of course there was joy as well as pain. Wonderful people supported us from the beginning, understanding our choice (my husband's as much as mine). We found a combative and compassionate rabbi; many families in Vancouver and Israel mentored our early years; our families came to accept our decision. Other Jews by choice began to appear.

Be assured, however, that we will not be like other Jews. For one thing, we often bring with us the most amazing networks. In addition to my minister father and musician-teacher mother, I can name converts who are children of a British military family, a farmer, a policeman, a French-Canadian Catholic family (two of the latter).

Obviously we have celebrated other holidays in our lives. We might bring something so ordinary as a new dish to the New Year or Chanukah table, or we may bring a different "take" on a biblical story. We may know the Hebrew Bible better than born Jews. We may have studied Jewish history, laws and customs more rigorously than our spouses and end up being the information-givers to others.

As we become a more multi-ethnic society, converts will come in all races and colors. If you are not prepared for this, it is time to examine your own views of the shades in which Jews come.

Whole families convert to Judaism, a culture that prizes family, community and a system of ethical living. In this age of moral relativism and isolation, such values are hard to find.

Finally, Jews by choice bring an incredible commitment to Jewish community and Jewish daily living. I am not only talking about kosher kitchens; I am talking about assuming major roles in the Jewish communal structure, about children in day schools, camps and Israel. I am talking about the ability to talk about Jewish family life and God as major factors in choosing to become Jewish. These are issues Jews by birth often side step. They may be too uncomfortable, too idealistic, too much like religion. Born Jews are often comfortable with ethnic identity and uncomfortable with discussion of religion or ethics.

In the days of the Second Temple, most rabbis welcomed proselytes. Judaism then, as now, was an attractive religion to people seeking a spiritual home that gave meaning to daily life and committed the individual to a community. Christianity largely usurped this role after its conquest of the Roman Empire.

Today Judaism has a chance to again become the home religion of more and more people. Instead of viewing this with alarm, we should point with pride to those who have chosen to be Jewish. The Judaism of the 21st century will thank us.

The missing child syndrome

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

I remember my good and lamented friend Norman Cousins once giving me a piece of advice: "If you write a book you have two or three pages to attract your readers or turn them off; if you write an essay you have one paragraph; if you write an article you have one sentence. Catch them early or you won't catch them at all." I don't know whether matters work out exactly in this fashion, but as a general rule what Cousins had to say was probably true.

All this came to mind recently, when I leafed through a number of bulletins and journals that had accumulated and my eye fell on a headline: The Missing Child in Liberal Theory. "Missing Child" spoke to me of the terrible fear and reality of abductions, and therefore of a dreaded aspect of society that touches all of us. And the second part of the headline, "Liberal Theory," sounded familiar to me, as a lifelong aficionado of liberalism. But what connection was there?

So, *pace* Cousins, I started to read the article in a little four-page bulletin published by the Jewish Family & Child Service of Toronto.

The Missing Child in Liberal Theory is, I learned, a book by John O'Neill, jointly reviewed by Gary Foster and Gordon Wolfe, president and executive director of the service. I read on:

"The author advocates that if Canada is to survive as a national unity, Canadians must reaffirm their commitment to a sustainable society that acknowledges our obligations to each other and to the next generation." The author, I read, relies on a "covenant theory" which rejects the notion that a community is nothing more than a collection of individuals who are in competition with each other in the market place. In the convenant view there are other components that are equally important, and in fact more so: questions of health, justice, security, education and employment. These are not commodities that can be acquired or discarded; they are the very foundations of the society that we know and, say Foster and Wolfe, "they represent the social debt we owe to this and future generations."

So, what about the missing child in liberal theory? O'Neill's main point is simply this: Unless we develop in our children more than a sense of acquisition and ambition as desirable qualities, and unless we perceive of life as more than competition and advancement, we are robbing our children. The most important element we must impart to them is that all life is reciprocal. Children will be starved, not only when they don't have enough to eat, but also when they don't have enough to make them responsible and even eager participants in the life of the community. We must pass on to them the sense of covenant, that is to say, of mutual responsibility.

I have not read the book, but the theme appeals to me, for it parallels Jewish teaching. In the Pirke Avot, Hillel says: "Do not separate yourself from the community." If we believe that looking out for "number 1" is life's major challenge we are short-changing not only ourselves but our offspring as well.

I think I will read Mr. O'Neill's book, for I need every argument at hand to support my conviction that what Judaism has to say on the matter of personal and communal interaction is worth repeating.

Patai: creator of academic richness

By Arnold Ages

Bible scholar, Talmudist, linguist, cultural anthropologist, historian, literary critic, translator, political scientist and chemist, he is the first person to have been granted a PhD from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

His name — Raphael Patai. In a few months he will, at 86, be publishing another opus magnum, a *History of Hungarian Jewry*, adding another important title to more than 50 books he has written and edited, since his first book in Hebrew, on the poetry of Israel Fontanella, appeared in 1933.

Patai, the son of a distinguished Hungarian-Jewish journalist who was editor of *Molt es Jovo* (Past and Future) in Budapest (the magazine was resuscitated three years ago in the city), went to Palestine after studying at the rabbinical seminary in the Hungarian capital. He arrived in Jerusalem the year Hitler took power in Germany.

Deeply committed to Zionism and the renaissance of Hebrew, Bible and Jewish learning in general, Patai began 62 years ago to publish a series of seminal works on diverse aspects of the Jewish experience. One can appreciate the broad nature of Patai's intellectual interests by observing the richness of his academic pursuits.

In 1936, inspired by his doctoral work, he wrote a probing study of water in Palestinian folklore, at a time when the word "Palestinian" was a synonym for Jewish. In executing this ground breaking essay he combed the Talmud for relevant material. Many of his early books focused on anthropological concerns, ancient Jewish myths and ritual and a fascinating inquiry into the mortuary customs of the Jews of Meshed.

Patai moved to the United States in 1947 and the stream of inspired scholarship continued unabated — with English now as the major vehicle for the transmission of his pioneering research. In the 1940s and 1950s Patai produced authoritative surveys of Jordan, Syria and Lebanon, and illuminating analyses of societal structures in the Middle East in general.

In 1964, he collaborated with the late Edmund Wilson, the dean of American literary critics, in an original exploration of the Book of Genesis. Patai continued in this pathway with his striking inquiry into vestigial remains of ancient paganism in his essay *The Hebrew Goddess* in 1967.

During this period, Patai also busied himself with editing five volumes of *Studies in Folklore and Ethnology*, seven volumes of the *Herzl Year Book*, five volumes of the Herzl diaries and the two volume *Encyclopedia of Zionism and Israel*.

In his 60s and 70s — when most scholars retreat into retirement — Patai began to publish some of his most stimulating and provocative works: *The Arab Mind*, *The Myth of the Jewish Race* (with the collaboration of his daughter Jennifer Wing) and *The Jewish Mind*. In all of these works, Patai is scrupulously objective and never sacrifices facts in the interest of pushing a particular doctrine.

I personally have learned much from all of Patai's works but everyone has favorites. His two-volume autobiographical memoir and collected family correspondence are poignant testimonials to the Patai clan in Budapest. Patai's monumental work on *The Jewish Alchemists*, published just two years ago, is a model of how a scholar can take a much neglected subject and breathe new life into it.

One book I have found especially endearing is *Ignaz Goldziher and his Oriental Diary*, which came out in 1987. Goldziher, a great Hungarian-Jewish Islamicist, has been the source of the oft heard assertion that Islam was a tolerant society towards Jews. Patai's memoir shows that Goldziher was an embittered genius who could not obtain a university post in 19th century Hungary because of Christian anti-Semitism and had to scrape by as a shammas in a synagogue to make ends meet. His portrait of a tolerant Islam was a way to get back at the Christianity which rejected him.

Wayne State University Press will shortly be publishing Patai's *History of Hungarian Jewry*. It's a work of surpassing intelligence and analysis, which combines the author's fine writing style, deep historical insights and literary tastes. The rabbis called Hungary "Eretz Hagar." Patai takes us through a thousand years of Hungarian Jewish history in this volume and shows how the Jewish minority within another minority in Europe contributed so much to Jewish culture and civilization in general.

I wonder what Raphael Patai's next book will be?

The Kirshner File

They died recently, leaving footprints in time

By Sheldon Kirshner

Horace Kadorie, a businessman, was the scion of a distinguished Hong Kong Sephardi family originally from Iraq. Among his companies were the Peninsula Hotel and the China Light and Power Company. During World War II, the children of European Jewish refugees found a haven in a school the family supported.

Bernard Nahum founded Turkey's automobile industry, manufacturing its first locally-made car — the Anadol — in 1977.

Bernard Cornfeld was a giant in the American mutual fund industry until his downfall in the 1970s. His company, Investors Overseas Services, held assets of about $2 billion. Admirers called him a brilliant innovator.

Leon Tamman, a native of Sudan who lived in Switzerland and Britain, headed an international empire of construction companies, hotels and financial management firms. His investments in Israel totalled about $100 million and included the Daniel Hotel in Herzlyia and the Jerusalem Capital Studios. He was a leader of the World Sephardic Federation.

Victor Potamkin was the world's largest Cadillac dealer. Apart from their flagship Manhattan dealership, which sold more than 6,000 Cadillacs last year, he and his sons, Robert and Alan, controlled more than 50 automobile franchises, worth $1 billion, across the United States. The son of a fishmonger, Potamkin was a flamboyant salesman. In 1948, when Israel's first president, Chaim Weizmann, visited New York City, he presented him with a free Lincoln car.

Stanley Elkin was a renowned novelist and short story writer whose work veered toward black humor and parody. He was the author of *Criers and Kibitzers, Kibitzers and Criers, The Magic Kingdom* and *Searchers and Seizures*. His posthumous novel, *Mrs. Ted Bliss*, will be published in September. He taught writing at Washington University in St. Louis.

Claudio Segre, born in Palermo, Italy, was a historian who specialized in Italian fascism. Segre's biography of Italo Balbo, a prominent fascist, won the Marraro Prize of the Society of Italian Historical Studies. His father, Emilio, was a Nobel Prize-winning physicist who emigrated to the United States, where Claudio was raised.

Edwin Blum wrote Hollywood screenplays. His most famous ones were *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (1939), which starred Basil Rathbone, and *Stalag 17* (1953), which was nominated for an Academy Award. Blum also churned out TV scripts for *The Man from U.N.C.L.E., 77 Sunset Strip* and *Hawaii Five-O*. In addition, he produced speeches for two U.S. presidential aspirants, Adlai Stevenson and Hubert Humphrey.

Mikhail Botvinnik was the world chess champion from 1948 to 1963. Born in St. Petersburg, he was a prodigy who lost his crown twice, only to regain it. A Communist until his death, he described himself as "Jewish by race" and "Russian by culture."

Albert Hackett was a playwright most noted for his play, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, which he and his wife, Frances, adapted from *Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl*. A Pulitzer Prize winner, the play was later turned into a Hollywood movie.

Sidney Kingsley (Kirshner) lit up Broadway with several plays, the most lauded of which were *Men in White* (for which he won a Pulitzer Prize) and *Dead End*. Kingsley's themes revolved around gritty social issues.

Gottfried Reinhardt was a film producer who worked on Greta Garbo's last, lacklustre movie, *Two-Faced Woman*. He also produced *The Red Badge of Courage*, based on the novel by Stephen Crane. Reinhardt's father, Max, the famous stage director, fled Nazi Germany.

Jerry Lester, a comedian, was the host of the first late-night TV talk and variety show, *Broadway Open House*. Lester also appeared on radio and in several Hollywood movies.

Henry Rogers was one of the best-known Hollywood press agents. His clients included Kirk Douglas, Joan Crawford, Rita Hayward and Gary Cooper.

Dmitri Kessel was a distinguished photographer whose finest work appeared in *Life* magazine during World War II. Kessel also photographed royalty and timeless works of art.

James McHaney was an American prosecutor during the 1946 Nuremberg war crimes tribunal. He is credited with gathering the evidence which convicted Nazis of conducting grisly medical experiments on concentration camp inmates.

Adolph Lowe was a political economist at the New School for Social Research in New York City until his retirement in 1978. He was the last surviving member of the University in Exile, formed by the New School and the New York state legislature to attract scholars who had fled German Nazism. Before the rise of the Nazis, he taught at the University of Frankfurt and was an advisor to the ill-fated Weimar government.

Victor Dorman was the first entrepreneur in the United States to package cheese. Until the late 1940s, it had been sold in bulk and sliced in stores. Dorman, chair of the Manhattan-based Dorman Cheese Company, changed all that.

Peter Wilenski was a diplomat who headed Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and represented his country as ambassador to the United Nations. Born in Lodz, Poland, he and his parents immigrated to Sydney via Eastern Europe, the Middle East and China. He practised medicine before entering government service.

Harry Bergold, the American ambassador to Nicaragua in the late 1980s, blew the whistle on the secret operation in which U.S. government funds were illegally channelled to anti-Sandinista forces by Col. Oliver North. His courage angered conservatives in the U.S. Senate, who succeeded in cutting his career short.

Harry Rosenfeld was a senior American government administrator who helped devise the school lunch program in 1946 and supervised the resettlement of 500,000 European refugees in the United States after World War II. An authority on immigration law, he was an advocate of liberal immigration policies.

Trevor Dupuy was a prolific military historian. One of his books, *Elusive Victory: The Arab-Israeli Wars 1947-1974*, was published in 1978, and still remains one of the finest of the genre.

Israel courts Arab states

In a bid to capitalize on its success in reaching an historic rapprochement with the PLO in 1993, Israel is reaching out to Arab states far from the centre of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Israel has made contact with, among others, Oman, Qatar and Mauritania, but has so far failed to establish formal diplomatic relations with these countries, all of which belong to the Arab League.

The limited progress is a source of discouragement to Israel. But the fact remains that Israel is making strides in dismantling the Arab wall of hostility.

Oman and Qatar are cases in point.

Last December, Yitzhak Rabin visited Oman, the first Gulf state to receive an Israeli prime minister. Several months later, Yossi Beilin, the deputy foreign minister, visited Oman and announced two agreements. The first grants El Al fly-over rights in Oman's air space. The second allows Israel and Oman to cooperate in water desalination projects.

Formal diplomatic ties, however, remain elusive. Last February, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres discussed this question with his Omani counterpart, Yussuf Ben-Allawi, but no decision was taken. Four months ago, Beilin claimed the two nations were moving toward this objective. But since then, nothing more has been heard.

It's clear that Oman is the reluctant party. Analysts believe Oman will resist formal links until Israel reaches a peace accord with Syria and fleshes out the Declaration of Principles with the PLO. (Indeed, Qatar recently cancelled Peres' planned visit to Doha, the capital.)

Qatar is playing the same game, but appears interested in selling natural gas to Israel. In the meantime, Qatar has closed its Arab boycott office, according to the American Jewish Committee.

It's not surprising. Last September, the Gulf Cooperation Council — consisting of Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — lifted the secondary and tertiary economic boycott against Israel. But the primary boycott appears firmly entrenched.

There is no evidence so far of substantive Israeli contacts with the other members of the Gulf Cooperation Council. Yet Israel has opened what may be a fruitful dialogue with Mauritania, a poor country lying on the western edge of Africa.

Last month, in a meeting in Madrid arranged by Spain, the Israeli and Mauritanian foreign ministers met for the first time. Mauritania expressed support for the goal of Middle East peace and voiced an interest in agricultural cooperation.

In terms of geo-politics, Mauritania is hardly a glittering prize. But for Israel, every step forward ultimately counts and improves its chances of normalizing relations with the Arab world.

Judging by a survey conducted by Hilal Khashan of the American University of Beirut, the process will be a hard and long one. In the latest edition of the Washington-based *Middle East Quarterly*, Khashan found that while most Arabs now accept formal peace negotiations and treaties with Israel, they continue to harbor strong antagonism toward Israel and its people.

Khashan's conclusions are borne out by facts on the ground. Israel has signed peace agreements with Egypt (1979) and Jordan (1994), but many Egyptians and Jordanians are resistant to normalization.

The idea of peace hasn't really trickled down to the masses.

(Please see related story on the Khashan survey in the Everywhere pages.)

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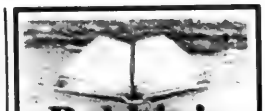


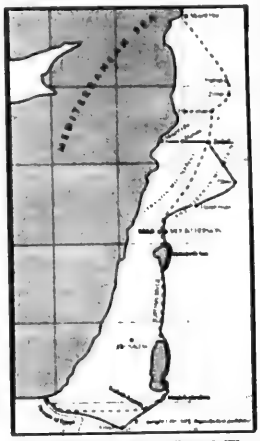
Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI REUVEN M. TRADBURKS

It has become popular in our times to visit the city of Petra in Jordan. However, in spite of Petra's status as part of the modern country of Jordan, it may well be a part of Eretz Yisrael, the biblical land of Israel.

The definition as to what qualifies as Eretz Yisrael is an interesting subject. The borders of the State of Israel are not the borders of Eretz Yisrael of Tanach. Eretz Yisrael is what is commonly referred to in political circles as the "Greater Land of Israel." Whatever land is defined as Eretz Yisrael will determine which lands have the mitzvot of *truma* and *maaser*, various other agricultural mitzvot, the Sabbatical year and the *shmitta* year, as well as the much more politically pregnant issue of which lands we have an obligation to settle and control.

There is a famous opinion of the Ramban, Nachmanides, that states that there are two mitzvot in regard to settling the land of Israel: a mitzvah to live in the land and a mitzvah to have political dominion over the land. If a Jew were to live in the land of Israel while under Turkish rule or Arab rule he would be fulfilling the mitzvah to live in the land but would not be fulfilling the mitzvah to have dominion over the land. There is an opinion in Halachah that when one merely walks four cubits (six feet) in the land of Israel one is fulfilling at least a little bit of dwelling in the land.



The borders of Eretz Yisrael. The two sets of lines indicate two traditional schools of thought on the precise location of the borders. (Reprinted from *The Stone Edition Chumash* with permission of Mesorah Publications, Ltd.)

Hence, if Petra is part of Eretz Yisrael, one fulfils a little bit of dwelling in the land while touring that city. It would also mean that we ought to aspire to fulfil the mitzvah of ruling over Petra and all of Eretz Yisrael, including much of Jordan and Lebanon (as if we don't have enough tzuris ruling over what we have already).

In turn, the Golan Heights and the city of Eilat both are involved in the issue of defining Eretz Yisrael. Eilat is clearly outside the borders of the land as described in this parshah. The Golan seems questionable: How you draw the lines between cities will determine if the Golan is part of the land.

Rav Kook ruled that the Golan has the halachic status of a doubt, a *safek*; hence we ought to apply the regular rule concerning doubts. For Torah laws we are strict, while for rabbinic we are lenient. Hence for the mitzvah of settling the land, which is a Torah law, we ought to be strict and assume the Golan to be part of Israel, while for many of the agricultural laws, which are rabbinic in nature, we may be lenient and assume it is not part of the land.

As to the definition of Eretz Yisrael, we assume that the lands which were conquered on the east bank of the Jordan are part of the Land of Israel, of Eretz Yisrael, but do not share the same holiness, the *kedushah*, the place of the *Shechinah* (the sense of the Divine Presence), as the Land of Israel on the west side of the Jordan.

While travelling in Petra, one may be fulfilling the mitzvah of dwelling in the greater Eretz Yisrael if just for a moment, but one does not benefit from the sense of the *Shechinah*, the closeness to the Divine Presence that Eretz Yisrael of the West Bank exhibits.

May we all merit to fulfil all the mitzvot of the land personally and to experience the closeness of the *Shechinah* that makes it the Holy Land.

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks is the spiritual leader of Kehillat Shaarei Torah of Toronto.

Halitza shoe part of museum

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The recently opened Bata Shoe Museum in downtown Toronto boasts an eclectic collection of footwear from Innuit animal skin boots to Chinese silk shoes for bound feet to Victorian dancing slippers to a patent leather shoe worn by Elvis Presley.

It also has a *halitza* shoe.

Halitza is the seldom seen ceremony by which the brother of a man who died without issue is excused from his halachic obligation to marry the widow.

It is based on instructions given in the Book of Deuteronomy, 25: 5-6, which say that he is obligated to provide an heir "so that his [the deceased brother's] name is not blotted out of Israel."

If he can't or won't marry the widow (and in these days such a marriage does not take place, explains Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, head of the Beth Din of the Vaad Harabonim of Greater Toronto) *halitza* must be performed.

In the presence of a beth din of three rabbis as well as several others who sit as silent witnesses, the man puts on a shoe, made especially for this purpose, and declares his refusal to marry the widow. She then removes the shoe from his foot and spits on the ground in front of him (not, as popular folklore sometimes has it, in his face).

Those present declare *Halutz hana'al* (loosely, the *halitza* shoe has been removed), and express the wish that "the daughters of Israel shall have no need to resort to either *halitza* or levirate marriage."

***Halitza* shoe from the collection of the Bata Shoe Museum. [photo courtesy Bata Shoe Museum]**

While Jews who are not acquainted with the ceremony may find it difficult to accept, Rabbi Ochs explained that "it fulfills the needs of the deceased. His soul can find peace."

The Toronto Beth Din has a set of *halitza* shoes to accommodate those who are right or left-footed. The right shoe was inherited from Rabbi Yosef Weinreb, the first East European rabbi in the city. A left shoe was later specially constructed.

The shoe at the Bata Museum is made of brown leather, with beige sueded-leather thongs. Curator Jonathan Walford told *The CJN* that it was purchased at a Christie's Judaica auction in New York about 12 years ago.

Although the provenance (background) of the shoe is sketchy ("it is the practice of auction houses not to divulge too much information about the source of their consignments," Walford said dryly,) it is known that it was the property of a Polish-American rabbi who brought it with him at the turn of the century when he emigrated to New York.

Walford believes it probably dates from the late 18th century.

The museum, a five-story, 3,665 square metre (over 39,000 square foot) structure designed by renowned Toronto architect Raymond Moriyama, contains almost 10,000 pieces spanning 4,500 years of history in its permanent collection. It was just awarded a 1995 City of Toronto Urban Design Award.

Jewish Life

A place of justice

By MARILYN GOLDFARB

During the Great Depression, when I was 8, I went to the non-sectarian international children's camp. My mother somehow scraped together the $3 to pay for my two-week stay.

That camp was later bought by the United Jewish People's Order which had evolved from the Jewish Assistance Social Organization, a progressive Jewish organization whose aim was to give children of working class families an opportunity to enjoy country life in the summer. Those who could not afford to pay anything were accepted without charge.

GUEST VOICES

The children who came to camp were mostly the offspring of trade union workers. Their parents worked in sweatshops and barely eked out a living.

The camp was situated on Fourteen Island Lake, three miles from Shawbridge, in the Laurentian Mountains north of Montreal. It wasn't really a camp, just an old country house that was built close to the main road. The downstairs was made into a big dining room which had two long tables with benches on either side.

The children and the counsellors slept upstairs in a dormitory. I remember that there were not enough cots and the counsellor said the youngest girl could sleep with her in the one double bed. Since I was the smallest she assumed I was the youngest and she picked me. I was thrilled.

But then Clara Buhay spoke up and said she was younger. So she got into the double bed. I was so disappointed that I bent over and bit Clara. Everyone looked at me in horror and I saw that I had lost favor with this group.

Clara was the daughter of Michael Buhay, who later became an alderman and was very popular in the progressive movement as an ardent fighter for peace, justice and better living conditions for working people.

One event I remember from my first stay at the camp was the time the campers were asked to gather little stones to place around a plaque to be unveiled the following Sunday on visitors' day. This was to honor Sacco and Vanzetti, two Italian immigrants who were accused of killing a paymaster and his guard near Boston and were executed in 1927. Many people believed they were convicted because they were philosophical anarchists, not because of the evidence.

Another incident took place one evening when we were supposed to be sleeping but instead were talking to each other. We heard a commotion outside and we ran over to the window and saw a car stop and a few men jump out. They shouted, "Jews get out." Then they threw fire torches at our camp. We got very frightened, but the counsellor calmed us down and we went to sleep. There were several more acts of violence and anti-Semitism against the camp that summer.

The next chance I got to go to camp was when I was 13. The camp was now called Kinderland (later it became Beaver Camp).

The camp had moved to the opposite side of the site and had built eight or 10 individual bungalows, each accommodating eight campers plus a counsellor. A separate dining room doubled as a recreational hall.

Activities planned for the children at camp mostly pertained to progressive causes and ideology, focusing on Jewish culture but not on religion.

At 16, I went to the adult camp, a five-minute walk from the children's camp. It had changed its name to the Laurentian Vacation Club and embraced people of all ages from many different walks of life. There were CCFers, left-wingers, union people, Hashomer Hatzair, and people just looking for an inexpensive holiday.

The camp was a hub of activity; on weekends it was overcrowded and people slept on porches or doubled up with friends in a single cot or anywhere they could.

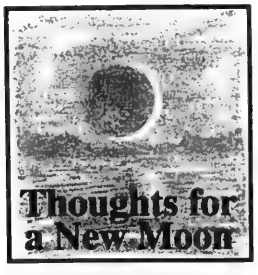
One summer, the Laurentian Vacation Club hired a couple called Luba and Myer Eisenberg from New York as the social directors. They put on plays by Sholem Aleichem in Yiddish and recited poetry by famous Jewish poets.

The camp attracted people because it was reasonable and a haven for teenaged, middle-aged and older campers. Everyone mingled and there was something to do every evening: bingo, vaudeville night, bonfires and singing, concerts and dances. It was a wonderful way to spend time in the country in the summer. There was a sense of justice, compassion, comradeship and cultural identity with these people, perhaps stronger than one would find anywhere else.

I look back with fond memories at both camps at Fourteen Island Lake. I'm sure most people recall the good times they enjoyed there, where one could embrace progressive people in a pleasant atmosphere.

The camps were sold in 1963 for the mere sum of $35,000, including the land. The buildings were torn down and today the area is all overgrown with grass and weeds. Where once there was love and laughter, culture and creativity, there is now a vast emptiness.

Huldah's message equally true



By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

The month of Av is beginning and with it all our attention turns to the ninth day, the day on which both Temples in Jerusalem were destroyed.

For a chronicle of the destruction of Jerusalem in the sixth century BCE, we have biblical accounts, both prophetic and poetic. The prophet Jeremiah foretells the disaster about to befall the Jews and the book of Lamentations portrays the tragedy after-the-fact in its haunting poetry.

There is, however, another warning of these events in Kings II. According to this account, King Josiah finds a book of the Bible which plunges him into despair and foreboding. Based on the contents of this book, Josiah fears that doom is imminent, since it is clear that the Israelites have transgressed severely against God.

In Chapter 22, Josiah orders that a messenger be sent to seek the word of God as to whether the punishment can be averted. The messenger goes to consult with Huldah, a woman who is named as the prophetess residing in Jerusalem. She confirms Josiah's fear that Jerusalem will be destroyed and the people will be punished. However, since Josiah has spent his life reforming Israel and did in fact seek out God, the disaster would be delayed until after his death so that he need not witness these events.

It is clear that the prophecy of Huldah is a concise form of the prophecy of Jeremiah. In fact, the rabbis of the Talmud and the midrash state that Huldah and Jeremiah were prophets living in the same generation. They draw parallels between these characters to the point of attributing to them a common ancestry.

The rabbis then ask why the king would seek out the prophecy of a woman when the prophecy of Jeremiah was also available. Their answer is based on an unstated assumption. The rabbis say that Josiah hoped the prophecy of a woman would be less severe than that of a man, given her female leaning toward compassion.

Yet the Bible has shown us that this underlying assumption is not true. The decree pronounced by Huldah is as severe and horrific as that detailed by Jeremiah.

It appears then, that there is a lesson to be found in Kings II. Josiah had two prophets available to him at that moment. He chose to consult with the prophetess Huldah for reasons unknown. Is it not possible that the reasons are not stated since there is no need for the text to justify his choice? The Book of Kings, reflecting our earliest traditions, shows us that prophecy, truth and morality stand on their own merits. We are to learn and accept words of wisdom from whatever source they may come. Huldah and Jeremiah were expressing the same truths, the same concerns, and ultimately the same sentence was pronounced. The words of prophet and prophetess are equally meaningful as long as these truths lead us inward — toward our people, ourselves and our God.

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IRAQI JEWISH EXHIBIT

The Iraqi Jewish Association of Ontario recently sponsored a cultural function related to the history and heritage of Babylonian Jewry. Seen at the exhibit are (from left) Dr. Naim Dallal, a former member of the Israeli cabinet; Arlene Perly Rae; Mordechai Ben Porat, from Israel; and Renee Dallal, president of the Iraqi Jewish Association.

Chabad House set for Hamilton

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Jewish students at McMaster University will have a Chabad House this fall.

Rabbi Zalman Itkin, a Chabad Lubavitch shaliach at McMaster for over 17 years, recently announced that a house purchased by Chabad Lubavitch adjacent to the campus will serve as a Jewish student centre.

Chabad operates about 30 student centres in North America, including one at the University of Western Ontario in London, and one at McGill University in Montreal.

The goal is to reach out to Jewish students, regardless of affiliation, said Rabbi Itkin.

"We are not running a shul," he stressed. The important thing is that the students recognize themselves as Jews.

Chabad's aim, he said, is to reach out to young Jewish students, especially first-year students who "find themselves in a non-Jewish environment for the first time, to provide them with a Jewish atmosphere and contact with other Jews, and to bring them closer to the [local] Jewish population."

With a growing Jewish student population at McMaster, it was becoming obvious, he said, that a drop-in centre was needed. A student questionnaire, especially from those living off campus, confirmed this.

When 25 students came for a Shabbat dinner at the Itkin home, he knew it was time to act.

Rabbi Itkin and his wife Faigie, a teacher at the Hamilton Hebrew Academy who's also been running a Jewish studies group for women for 13 years, will serve as co-directors.

The centre will be known as Beit Menachem Jewish Student Centre, in honor of the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson.

Located at 177 Sterling St., the Tudor-style house has a living room, dining room and downstairs recreation room capable of comfortably seating about 100 people. A student lounge will contain a collection of Jewish reference material and computer and video facilities.

Kosher meals at reasonable prices and Friday night Shabbat dinners will be available and there will be educational, holiday and social programs.

The student centre will also house the Chabad Lubavitch of Hamilton office, where Rabbi Itkin will be available for support and counselling.

He did not disclose the purchase price, but the total cost, he said, will be $300,000 — "and we're more than halfway to our goal. Our objective is not to have to carry a mortgage, but if anyone wants to contribute, they're welcome."

Plans are for the centre to open in September.

Students entering McMaster University this fall can contact Rabbi Itkin at 87 Westwood Ave., Hamilton, Ont. L8S 2B1; telephone 905-529-7458 or 905-526-7898; Fax: 905-528-0505.

Gene mutation linked to cancer

MONTREAL — McGill University researchers have discovered two mutations of the gene linked to breast and ovarian cancer that appear to be peculiar to Ashkenazi Jewish women.

The finding may offer a greater chance of earlier detection of the disease in those carrying the gene. It has certainly excited the researchers who believe this is a significant advance in understanding the role genetics play in certain cancers.

The discovery, based on research here in Montreal with Jewish families, is published in the July issue of the *American Journal of Human Genetics*.

What it means for Ashkenazi women who worry that they may be predisposed to breast or ovarian cancer because their mother or a sister had the disease is that they could be tested for these two mutations, said Dr. David Rosenblatt, director of the medical genetics division of McGill's department of medicine.

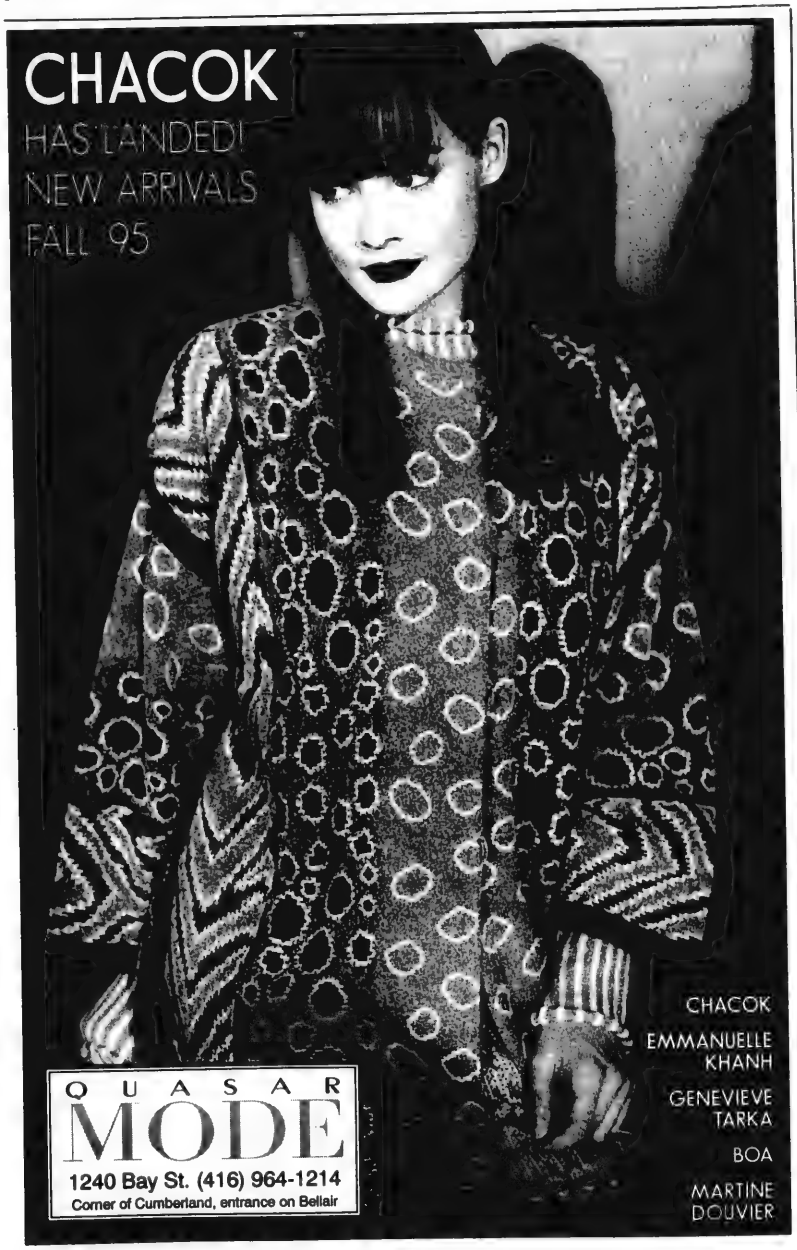
If they carry one of them, they would be advised to be followed up regularly. However, if they have not inherited one of these mutations, it does not necessarily mean they do not carry some other mutation, Rosenblatt noted.

The identification of a breast-ovarian cancer gene, known as BRCA1, was announced only last October by University of Utah researchers, after contributions from several schools, including McGill.

There are believed to be many mutations of the gene, Rosenblatt said, but the knowledge that Ashkenazim are prone, if not subject only to, two of these mutations makes it more feasible to conduct DNA-based testing. Only one non-Jew is known to have one of the Ashkenazi mutations.

Because there are so many mutations, it's too expensive to test every susceptible woman for all of them, he said. When narrowed down to two likely ones, doctors can test Ashkenazi women with a family history of cancer for these at least.

The McGill researchers made their discovery working with patients at the Montreal General and Royal Victoria hospitals.



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האזין :

"דאוין הוא דבר שנעשה רק בשביל

הרושם החיצוני ואין לו ערך של ממש "

(מילון אבטיח השימושי)

באחד מערבי הקיץ ישבתי עם חברים ואחד מהם אמר את הדברים הבאים, אותם אני בוחר להביא כלשונם : " מאז שהיגענתי לקנדה אני פוגש פה המון ישראלים שעושים פה עבודות משוטות שלא היו מעיזים לעשות בארץ. רבים מהם לא עושים כאן כלום לאורך תקופות ארוכות. אבל מה, לפני שהם נוסעים לארץ לחופשה הם מפוצצים סכומים אדירים של כסף לקנות מתנות ולעשות דאוין שהולך להם ושהם אנשים חשובים." עד כאן החבר. לפני שנים התפרסם סיפור קצר בעברית על שתי אחיות זקנות, האחת חיה בתל אביב והשניה בניו-יורק הן בקושי דיברו ביניהן, אך היו שולחות זו לזו חבילות , יענו להראות שהן מבוססות ושטוב להן ושהן תומכות האחת בשניה. לימים נפטרה האחות בניו-יורק וזו שבישראל נסעה לארה"ב לסיים את ענייני הירושה. בביתה הדל של אחותה חמתה היא מצאה קבלה של בית משכון והלכה לשם. ראה אותה האיש בבית המשכון אליו הביאה את הקבלה ואמר לה : " אה, זו הגברת הזקנה שהיתה באה כל פעם עם חבילה של דברים מוזרים שקיבלה מישראל והיתה מחליפה אותם פה במתנות כדי לשלוח הזרה לשם". ממש אותו דאוין. האם זו מחלה יהודית -ישראלית שמרכז הענין הוא הרצון לעשות רושם, להיראות חשוב, להיחשב חזק? או שמא זו תכונה אוניברסאלית שקיימת אצל מהגרים מכל העולם ואנחנו פשוט יותר רגישים כאשר זה קורה לישראלים? תחשבו על זה : כמה דברים שאנחנו עושים הם בשביל הדאוין? חבית הגדול מידי שקשה לנו לשלם עליו, אבל הוא נועד להרשים מישהוא (משפחה? חברים?) . בר המצווה למאות אנשים או החתונה לאלף איש, שנמשיך לשלם עליהם שנים, רק כדי לעשות רושם על מישהוא? נכון, גם כל אלה שאנחנו מנסים להרשים משתתפים באותו משחק ומשקיעים כספים וזמן ואנרגיה ממש באותה צורה. תגידו : מה אפשר לעשות, זה שם המשחק החברתי, - או שאתה משתתף או שלא. לא בהכרח ! אפשר גם אחרת! אני מכיר הרבה אנשים צנועים שחיים אחרת ולא בוקע לחם. אבל מה - שינוי ראש וה דבר קשה ! תחשבו על זה.

משל האוסד :

וזכרים את האוסד ? והו חשיח הקוצני שהסכים למלך על העצים אחרי שכל חבריו הטובים - עצי הפרי והגפן - סירבו לעשות זאת . וכצפוי - היה שלטונו כישלון מחפיר וחסתיים בשריפה גדולה. יותם , שסיפר את המשל לפני שלושת אלפים שנה ידע כבר אז את מה שלומדים כולנו על בשרינו : פוליטיקאים רבים אינם בוחרים בפוליטיקה מתוך כישוריהם הטובים, מתוך אהבת אנשים או מתוך יכולתם לתרום לקדמת האדם. בחירתם נעשית לעתים קרובות מתוך שיקולים של כבוד, כוח ולעתים אף בצע כסף. עם השנים יצא לפוליטיקה שם רע כל כך, שרבים וטובים שהיו מוכנים לשקול מסלול קאריירה כזה נבהלים ומוותרים. וכך יוצא שעניינינו החשובים ביותר, לעתים החלטות גדולות של מלחמה או רווחה כלכלית, מנוטים ומוחלטים על ידי ה"אוסד" התורן. אבל מה - מגיע לנו ! כל זמן שהטובים יותר לא יבחרו במסלול פוליטי, נקבל את האוסד, או כמו שג'ורג' וושינגטון אמר : "לכל עם יש את הממשלה שהוא ראוי לה ". אין ספק ששאיפותיו של פוליטיקאים מתרחשות בכל העולם, ובכל זאת - חלב כואב למראה המציאות הישראלית : עבריין יהודי צרפתי נמלט לישראל וכדי להגן על עצמו מהסגרה לצרפת הוא מצליח להיבחר לכנסת (פלאטו שרון). שר וחבר כנסת של מפלגה דתית עומד למשפט על עבירות חמורות ביותר ואינו מוצא לנכון להתפטר לא מהממשלה ולא מהכנסת. אחרי שראש הממשלה מכריח אותו להתפטר הוא מתמרן את מפלגתו אל מחוץ לקואליציה ועוד ממשיך משפטו - הוא ממשיך לכהן כחבר כנסת (דרעי) . רק לשם השוואה : שרת הבריאות של אונטריו ענתה בפרלמנט על שאילתה בעניין הכסף שעלה למשלם המסים חטיפול בנרקומן מסוים שהוטס לארה"ב. עוד היא ענתה על השאילתה נפלט מפיה בטעות שמו של הנרקומן. עוד באותו יום חיא התפטרה מן הממשלה ! ממש הבדל של יום ולילה.

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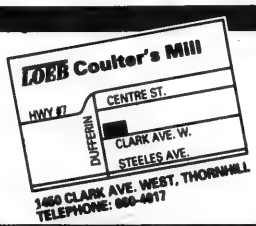

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Thursday, July 27

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Baritone **Kevin Drizen** and pianist **Elena Krakopolsky** present a program of music of great composers of Europe and Broadway hits, noon to 2 p.m., Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge St. Free.

Friday, July 28

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CAMP NAIVELT

Why I am a Secular Jew is the topic of a talk by **Molly Myers** of United Jewish People's Order, 8 p.m. at Camp Naivelt (through Eldorada Park), Brampton. Open to the public. No charge.

Sunday, July 30

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FLEA MARKET MANIA

One of Shaarei Tefillah brotherhood and sisterhood's major fundraising events is Flea Market Mania III. It's a parking lot full of bargains, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St.

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In conjunction with the special exhibition The Maiasaur Project—The Life and Times of a Dinosaur, the Royal Ontario Museum presents a day of dino-related activities for the whole family. Young paleontologists can dig for dinosaur bones, sculpt or construct a miniature dinosaur.

Tuesday, August 1

A PUBLIC LECTURE

Rabbanit Chana Henkin, founder and director of Nishmat: Jerusalem Centre for Advanced Jewish Studies for Women, will give a public lecture on Prophetesses and Prophecies, 8 p.m., Or Chaim Kollel, 159 Almore Ave. Men and women invited.

Wednesday, August 2

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study classes held at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. For information, 905-889-6066 —

Pirkei Avot-Voices of Wisdom, educator/lecturer **Chane Rappaport** deals with To Understand and Be Understood, 10 to 11 a.m.

Tears of Sorrow and Tears of Joy, **Chana Weisberg**, dean of the institute, continues with The Feminine Role in the Master Plan of Creation, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

And What Else Is New...

WEEK OF LEARNING

Canadian Friends of Nishmat is sponsoring a Yarchei Kallah: A Week of Intensive Learning for Women of All Backgrounds, led by **Rabbanit Chana Henkin**, founder and director of Nishmat Jerusalem. Topic is Women of Vision, Seven Prophetesses in Tanach. Sessions run Monday, July 31,

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AISH HATORAH

The Gift of Tears: Lessons of Tisha b'Av, **Arieh Rosenblum**, Monday, July 31, 8 p.m. Aish HaTorah Thornhill, the Promenade, Suite 303.

Finding Meaning in Mourning: Lessons from the Day of Tears, **Rabbi Yaacov Palatnik**, Monday, July 31, 8 p.m., Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W.

The Love of My Life, **Rabbi Aryeh Pamensky**, Wednesday, August 2, 8 p.m., Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W.

GIFT SHOW VENDORS

Temple Har Zion sisterhood is holding a gift and craft show Sunday, Nov. 5, at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave. Exhibitor enquiries invited. 905-731-3212 or 905-771-9012.

HEBREW ACADEMY

Beth Israel Hebrew Academy in Thornhill and Richmond Hill offers Hebrew program for grades 1 to 7, either Sundays or two afternoons during the week. Curriculum includes Hebrew reading, writing and conversation, holidays, prayers, Israel, Bible, history, music and arts. Registration now open. 905-770-1082.

LEARNING EXCHANGE

Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd., phone 483-0883 — Sunday series, There's More to Judaism Than Lox and Bagels, **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz** continues with The Messianic Age II, July 30, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday series, Don't Worry, Be Happy, **Rena Schochet** continues with Have Your Cake and Eat it Too: Spirituality and the Good Life, August 1, 8 to 9 p.m.

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Everyone is welcome at Congregation Shomer Israel, 60 Rockford Rd. Shabbat services 9 a.m. followed by kiddush. Sunday 8:30 a.m. No dues. 362-3248 or 256-1600.

CAMP ESCOBAR

Camp Escobar reunion is Oct. 7 and 8 in Montreal. Anyone who attended Camp Escobar in the Larentians or knows someone who attended at anytime, contact **Merle (Harvey) Gottlieb** 905-889-0401, fax: 905-475-0743.

SAINT JOHN MUSEUM

If you are visiting New Brunswick this summer, be sure to drop in at the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, 29 Wellington Row. Now in its 10th season, the museum is internationally renowned for its permanent and seasonal exhibits and has received numerous awards. It closes for the season Sept. 22. Phone/fax 506-633-1833.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

Jewish Family & Child Service is sponsoring an educational workshop for men who have trouble managing anger, four sessions beginning August 9. **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

SEPHARDIC INSTITUTE

Medrash Torah Vehayim Sephardic Institute of Torah Study July 31 to August 4 at 7000 Bathurst St. Infoline 905-669-7600

Women's Pirke Avot class, **Rabbi Amram Assayag**, Monday, 10 to 11 a.m.; women's class Halachot of Shabbat, Monday, 8 to 9 p.m.; Gemara Baba Metzia, Perek Hamafkid, **Rabbis Assayag, Elisha Afriat, Moshe Bensalmon**, Monday and Wednesday 9:30 to 10:30 p.m., Halachah Shiur, **Rabbi Assayag**, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Conversational Hebrew, **Rabbanit S. Assayag**, Tuesday, 7 to 8 p.m.; Here and Now with the Torah (men and women), Tuesday, 8 to 9 p.m.; Halachot of Shabbat, **Rabbi Shalom Revah** Tuesday, 9:30 to 10:30 p.m. and Thursday, 9:15 to 10:15 p.m.; This week in the Perasha—Devarim, Wednesday, 8 to 9 p.m.

SOCIAL SKILLS PROGRAM

The Learning Disabilities Association of North York offers a Social Skills Program for 6 to 15 year olds with social difficulties. Interviews are being held during the summer for the program beginning in September. Call 229-1680 for information or appointment.

JF&CS GROUPS

Jewish Family & Child Service groups — Looking Ahead for separated or divorced persons (loneliness, new relationships, moving forward, begins August 16); Positive Parenting Groups (Parenting the Preschooler, Living with Teens, Single Parenting, Parenting School Age Child, all begin this fall). **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800.

For Seniors

North York Seniors Peer Counselling is a peer helping, volunteer-based program providing support by trained volunteers to other seniors who may be dealing with loss, loneliness, or in need of someone who is caring and supportive. Information and referrals to other services provided. 395-7720, Monday to Friday, 1 to 4 p.m.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building) 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dances July 29, August 5, 7 to 10 p.m.; Sunday dances August 13, 27, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.; walk in the park Tuesdays 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; barbecue Sunday, August 20, 2 to 4 p.m., members $5, non-members $6; Port Dalhousie, August 17, members $18, non-members $20; Ottawa and Gatineau Hills, August 22 to 24; Israel, Oct. 25 to Nov. 8, price $2525 Canadian includes full Israeli breakfast, 13 dinners, entrance fees, hotel service charges and taxes, departure tax. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave. — General meeting Monday, July 31, 1 p.m., members only; also Monday, July 31, 1 p.m., complete information for Catskill trip to Homowack Hotel Sept. 3 to 10. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors is planning a trip to Florida for one, two, or three months. **Helen** 635-6343.

Taylor Place Community Services, 1 Overland Dr., has openings in the Adult Day Care, Alzheimer Day Program, In-Home Respite Service. 447-7244, ext. 41,

CREATIVE LIVING CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Public Affairs Forum, Can Canada Afford an Aging Society? Wednesday, August 2, 1:30 p.m., with panelists **Andy Ranachan**, Labor Community Services; **Dr. Lesley Goldenberg**, gerontologist, Scarborough Grace Hospital; **Jim Peterson**, MP; **Monica Townson**, economic consultant; and master of ceremonies **Lou Goldenberg**, chair, Public Affairs Forum. Everyone welcome. No charge.

Benjamin Schlesinger, professor emeritus, Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto, presents four Tuesday morning sessions — August 1, What is Family Today?: The Changing Scene; August 8, Ethnic Family Life: Diversity and Similarities; August 22, Grandparenting: Changing Roles; and August 29, Seniors and Sexuality: Fact or Fiction. All sessions 10 to 11:30 a.m. Members $1 each class, non-members $2 each class. **Bookie Kwart** or **Sheila Zane**.

Lifelong Learning Institute Book Club summer classes with facilitator **Rebecca Chua**, Tuesdays, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1 to 3 p.m. Members $5, non-members $10. **Bookie Kwart**.

Israeli Cultural Club Etrog and Lifelong Learning Institute feature internationally renowned singer of folk songs **Ritasue Charlestein Fisher**, Wednesday, August 9, 7 p.m. members $3, non-members $4. **Bookie** or **Anna**.

Annual picnic Thursday, August 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Earl Bales Park. Lots of fun, entertainment, prizes races. Bring your lunch.

The movie, *Sleepless in Seattle*, is Sunday, July 30, 2:30 p.m.

STUDY IN ISRAEL

Five York University students will spend one year in Israel for study and research at Israeli universities. Four of the scholarship recipients were guests at a reception hosted by York University president Susan Mann together with Yaacov Aizenberg, a Hebrew University student studying at York as part of the York-Hebrew University Exchange Program. Shown are (from left) Aizenberg; Michael Noble, who received the Gertrude and Jack Friedman Memorial Award; Yuri Hronsky, the York-Hebrew University Exchange Scholar; Mann; Debra Cohen and Michelle Cohen, recipients of Leonard Wolinsky Scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

Murray Weisbrod and family established a scholarship in memory of their wife and mother, Helen, a longtime member of Aviva branch of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada (NCJW), Toronto section. The scholarship is to assist first year university students with tuition and residence fees at a Toronto university. Pictured above Barbara Greenglass (left), newly installed president, NCJW, Toronto section, presents a certificate in memory of Helen Weisbrod to Murray Weisbrod, Ann Rodney, Stephen Weisbrod. At right is Gita Arnold, immediate past president, Toronto section.

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Anti-Semitic letter condemned by Jews, Poles

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Canadian Polish Congress (CPC) has joined Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) in condemning an anti-Semitic letter that appeared in a Polish-language newspaper published in Toronto.

"I think the letter is scandalous and shouldn't have appeared," said Marek Malicki, president of CPC.

"The content [of the letter] is despicable, gutter anti-Semitism and garbage," said Moshe Ronen, chair of the Ontario region of CJC.

While both organizations criticized the *Gazeta* for running the letter, both leaders agreed they would not let it sour relations between the two communities.

The letter was discussed by officials of the two organizations at a meeting recently. Also on the agenda were discussions about Nazi war criminals and Canadian national unity — issues on which the two groups see eye-to-eye.

A news release issued by CJC said the organizations "reaffirmed their commitment to work toward eliminating anti-Semitism and hateful comments about ethnocultural communities in the media."

Malicki said he had issued a communique and held a news conference that was reported in the *Gazeta* and both "referred to my concerns about anti-Semitism."

The letter, which took up most of a page in the tabloid-sized *Gazeta*, described by Malicki as "the most widely-read Polish paper," was titled *In the Shadow of the Jewish Hat*.

It opens by claiming that Jews are the "main engine" of the Canadian economy and that "they never do anything with their own money but always with ours or the government's, which is also ours. They take their own money, which they never earn honestly, out of the country to Israel, Switzerland."

The letter, which is mostly incoherent, rambling and bitter, accuses the Jews of having "studied with Goebbels [the Nazi propaganda minister] himself" to fool the public with lies.

Ronen said the fact that such a letter was published "is telling about how that paper is run." He said CJC "did not feel it would be productive to pursue an avenue directly with the newspaper."

Malicki said he spoke with the editor and "I requested that no similar letters appear." Noting that the paper is independent, Malicki said, "I have no authority over the editor."

Malicki suggested that the public dialogue involving Jews and Poles was getting out of hand and he referred to a letter about the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, which was published in the *Toronto Star* and offended Poles.

Ronen said Jewish/Polish history has to be addressed honestly and without recourse to racist remarks.

The CJN's call to *Gazeta* was not returned.

Polish payments protested by Sobolewski's group

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Protests against the payment of the equivalent of $18,000 by the Polish government to a man who was part of a unit that rounded up and murdered 12 Jews in May 1944, will be held before the Polish consulates in Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver, Chicago and New York.(*CJN*, June 29)

In making this announcement, Sigmund Sobolewski, a Catholic survivor of Auschwitz, said the Auschwitz Awareness Society, has received no official response from the Polish government to their request for an explanation of the payment.

Two other accomplices of Stefan Wyszkowski in the 1944 case have also applied for compensation under 1991 legislation, Sobolewski said.

Convictions against the three were overturned by a Polish court because of "their activities to secure the independence of the Polish state," he said. Wyszkowski later claimed damages for a five-year sentence that was imposed on him in 1952 and he was awarded 308 million Polish zlotys.

A letter from a Polish government official to an interested observer of the case claims that the payment was not related to Wyszkowski's connection with the 1944 case, but Sobolewski says this contradicts a statement given him by the director of the Minister of Justice office.

Sobolewski said on a recent visit to Warsaw he was assured by the office manager of the Minister of Justice that the protest would not be ignored and an official communique would be issued.

He distributed 400 leaflets in three Polish cities protesting the payment. Later, as an official observer, he requested the Intenational Auschwitz Council to protest the compensation, but the chairman said it was outside the Council's jurisdiction.

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Jewish Agency in 'critical shape:' Hadassah boss

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The Jewish Agency (JA) is in "critical shape" financially and this will seriously affect Youth Aliyah programs of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO, says Judy Mandleman, national president.

Mandleman returned recently from the annual JA assembly in Jerusalem, which she attended as the sole Canadian representative of a six-member WIZO delegation.

She said Avraham Burg, the new JA chair, told the WIZO delegates that Youth Aliyah projects in which the Agency participates, will be slashed financially by at least 10 per cent and WIZO will have to try and pick up the slack.

Affected by the budget cuts will be the schools supported by WIZO. One new program which brings young Jews from former Soviet Union countries to study in Israel, with the option of becoming olim, will be cut back "and that's really a shame," said Mandleman.

The cost of bringing the students is $7,800 (US) each per year. It had been hoped to bring at least 2,500 kids but that goal will likely be cut to 1,000.

Mandleman said there will be a cutback of hundreds of other children admitted to Youth Aliyah schools and fewer teachers will be employed, as budgets are chopped.

Other JA programs will be slashed or dropped, Burg told the assembly, but he gave no details. One plan that is fairly certain is to combine the operations of the World Zionist Organization with the Jewish Agency and this will likely be effected next year. A resolution covering this was approved by the assembly.

The JA financial problem is due to lower contributions from the Diaspora, Mandleman reported. To alleviate this situation, a resolution was passed insisting that at least 50 per cent of funds raised through campaigns of the United Jewish Appeal in the United States, United Israel Appeal (Keren Hayesod), which operates worldwide, and the various federations be allocated to the Jewish Agency.

Mandleman said that while Israel's economy is booming, this doesn't help the Jewish Agency and there are still a great many disadvantaged Israelis, especially children, who have been helped by Youth Aliyah. The government, she said, doesn't help them.

Mandleman said Canadian Hadassah-WIZO is planning a series of regional conferences to discuss next year's programs and to plan for the next century.

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Mazel Tov

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Happy first birthday, June 16, to Jade Caly Kaufman, seen here with her mother, Michelle. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Charles Horowitz.

Austin Jeffrey is happy to announce his safe arrival on April 20. Thrilled parents are Paul & Pamela Litman. Proud grandparents are Mel & Eileen Cohen and Lori & Bernice Litman. Great-grandparents are Anne Cohen, Helen Feldbrill, Rachel Silverman and Rae & Stan Litman.

Spencer William, 6 months, is the son of Mark & Bonnie Schwartz. Precious grandson of Myrna & Hy Schwartz and Marcia & Sol Schop. Great-grandmothers are Doris Levine, Becky Schwartz, Sophia Dunn and Rose Schop.

Hannah, 3½ years old, introduces her baby brother Samuel, 2 weeks old. Proud parents are Canadian actor Saul Rubinek and his wife Elinore. Grandparents are Israel & Frania Rubinek.

Jessica Sarah Feldberg, daughter of Reisa & Arie Feldberg of Willowdale, graduated in June from the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto. She will be entering the Faculty of Arts and Science at Queen's University in September. Proud grandmothers are Lily Bresaer and Miriam Feldberg of Montreal.

Irvin Studin is a recent graduate of Aurora High School. He will be attending an honors business administration course on a president's scholarship in the fall. Congratulations from your family and friends.

Rebecca Studin has graduated from the L.H. Frechette PS French Immersion program and will be attending Langstaff Secondary School in Richmond Hill. Congratulations from your family and friends.

David Major, student council president, honor student and valedictorian, graduated from Rosedale Heights Public School. We are proud of you. Love from Mom, Dad, Rhonda and Bubbie.

Irving and Faygie Noble celebrated the marriage of his daughter Carol to Michael, son of Jose & Maria Mateus at Solel Congregation in Mississauga.

Isaac & Rochelle Skinazi are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Frances to Neal Mortensen, son of Carol & Peter. Proud grandparents are Philip & Miriam Shuman and Sally Charney.

Marilyn Pereiman (left) and Cheryl Levitt celebrated their adult bat mitzvahs at Temple Sinai on May 6.

David Socol, son of Elaine and Harvey Socol of Fullerton, Calif., formerly of Richmond Hill and Thornhill, graduated from Temple University Medical School in Philadelphia on May 18. David has begun his first year residency at University of Southern California Medical Centre in Los Angeles.

Gloria & Leonard Wiseberg will be celebrating their 38th anniversary in Tel Aviv, awaiting the birth of their first grandchild. The celebration committee will include their son and daughter-in-law Azriel & Sigal Har Lavan and daughter Barb Wiseberg.

Sylvia & Jack Golden (aka Bubbie & Zayde) celebrated their 63rd anniversary on July 3. Beloved parents, grandparents and great-grandparents of the Beltzes, the Pasternaks, the Shulmans and the Goldens.

Isaac & Helen Beiles, longtime residents of Ottawa and recently of Montreal, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on June 15. Proud children are Eileen (Marcus) & Norman of Montreal and Herb & Pamela of Toronto.

Mazel tov to Nathan who is celebrating his 80th birthday. The whole family wishes you good health and happiness till 120.

From coast to coast

Students, seniors mingle at intergenerational tea

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The gym buzzed with the children's chatter as they set banquet tables covered with blue and pink cloths for the recent intergenerational tea at North York's Pleasant Public School.

There were painted murals on the gym walls and vases of fresh carnations on every table.

The tea was a culmination of an intergenerational pen-pal program now in its sixth year, which matches students in a Grade 4/5 class with seniors connected with Senior Care, an agency offering home support and counselling services to seniors in the community.

Pairs of individual children and seniors had been corresponding since the fall, exchanging some four letters. They finally met each other at the spring tea.

According to school principal, Vivian Shapiro, the annual tea "is one of the most anticipated events at Pleasant School."

Just before 1 p.m., most of the Grade 4/5 class filed into the gym and sat at their designated tables. The children assigned to escort the seniors to their tables paced in the lobby waiting for their guests.

The program is the brainchild of Arnold Foss, supervisor of volunteer programs at Senior Care and Patti Durkes, a Grade 4/5 teacher at Pleasant. The two met seven years ago when Durkes was a homemaking coordinator at Senior Care. She told *The CJN* the work sensitized her to the needs of the elderly, and when she returned to teaching, she wanted to involve her students in an intergenerational program.

"I learned so much from them [the seniors] I thought it would be an extremely valuable learning experience for the kids," Durkee said. "We came up with the [pen-pal] idea together," she said. "We wanted to involve the clients who were homebound ... Letter writing was the ideal tool because it also offered the students an educational component."

Foss, the link between the seniors and the students — there are about 60 participants a year — recruits clients and volunteers at Senior Care and follows up when necessary to keep them involved.

Some of the students have lost their pen-pals as a result of death, which is very upsetting to them Durkes said. "They usually cry and we talk about the natural circle of life."

Ibi Grossman and Jill Edelstein meet at intergenerational program. (Barbara Silverstein photo)

But she said the most tears shed over a senior in her class had nothing to do with death or illness. "The senior didn't show up, she just didn't come to the tea. The student cried the whole time. She was devastated. The seniors don't realize how excited the kids are to meet them."

The tea was in full swing by 1:30 p.m. All the seniors had arrived and were seated with their pen-pals, chatting over cake and cookies, and exchanging small gifts.

Some pairs, like author Ibolya Grossman and Grade 5 student Jill Edelstein, pen-pals for two years, greeted each other with hugs.

"The nicest thing is to receive the children's letters, to hear what they have to say," said Grossman, who has been with the program for five years.

"The children have a lot of questions. Like Michael, my first pen pal, asked me to tell him about the war [World War II] and why people were fighting." She said she explained about Hitler in simple terms and suggested that he continue the discussion with his parents.

"The kids are wonderful," Bessie Coopersmith said. "I tell them about my life. They tell me about their life. I have grandchildren, but they're old, so it's nice to be in touch with these kids."

Speaking to an audience of 80, Grades 5 student Arash Saniemoosavi called Sophie Richmond, his pen-pal of two years "a good friend." He said, "I feel like I met her whole family through her letters."

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Remembering Lenkinski on his shloshim

By BEN KAYFETZ
Special to The CJN

Louis (Eliezer) Lenkinski, who died on June 20, lived up to the highest ideals of Jewish life, thought, and values.

His active life was guided by the principle of what he could do to improve the condition of his fellow humans, to raise and fulfil their aspirations. He left his life in the very midst of these actions, not completing his work, yet in no way reducing or diminishing his load.

Lenkinski was a product of the city of Lodz, the industrial city of Poland. For those who never lived in Eastern Europe they need only recollect or dip into the pages of I. J. Singer's novel *The Brothers Ashkenazi* to get a picture of this thriving, bustling metropolis where Pole, Jew and German vied for livelihood, where Jews from the unchanging *shtetlach* confronted the at-first alien influences of the worlds of enlightenment, revolt and liberation that came in so many different and often overlapping forms: Zionism, *haskalah*, socialism, democracy — sometimes veering towards nationalism and at other times to assimilation.

Bund was a way of life

Lenkinski's field of activity was determined early in his life, and he never deviated from it. While still a youngster, he chose the Bundist option despite his father's objection.

In Poland between the wars, the Bund — which in two years will mark its centenary — was more than a political party in the Sejm. It was a philosophy, a way of life, with its own summer camps, youth groups, loan and sick funds, newspapers, health centres and hospitals and school system.

After the war and the liberation, he met his wife Helen; they were brought to Canada by the Jewish Labor Committee and settled in Toronto.

In his new life, he resumed the values and priorities of his previous career, learning the upholsterer's craft, joining its union and soon representing that union at various trade union councils. He became an official in the Toronto Labor Council and an executive of the Ontario Federation of Labor.

Living up to the best traditions of the Bund, he avoided sectarianism and, believing in *Klal Yisrael*, participated in all that was constructive in the Jewish community. He lent his experience to the social policy committee of the former United Jewish Welfare Fund, was an officer of Canadian Jewish Congress and eventually became the Ontario chair of the Congress community relations committee, the agency devoted to the defence and security of the Jewish community.

Though not a Zionist ideologically, Lenkinski felt the integral Jewish tie to Israel and was in no way lukewarm or indifferent to its needs and interests.

Lenkinski maintained his ties with the Jewish Labor Committee and the Workmen's Circle and Yiddish cultural enterprises. In the midst of all his obligations, he contributed a column to the *New Fraternals* on political and labor union themes. He keenly followed the events in the new Poland and was in close personal touch with the men and women behind Lech Walesa in their efforts to restore political decency to that land.

Lenkinski was not affiliated with a synagogue but observed the still valid maxim about religion being a private matter. He worked closely with rabbis of all nuances and with Rabbi Dow Marmur established the Polish-Jewish Heritage to build bridges to the Polish community.

Lenkinski might be called a secular Jew. If so, he was a secular Jew in the highest and best sense of expression. Certainly, he left a heritage and role model that Jews both secular and spiritual might emulate to everyone's advantage.

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Sports news

Flyers pick up Sokolsky in NHL entry draft

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was getting late in the day and Jamie Sokolsky wasn't quite sure if his ears were playing tricks on him or he'd actually heard his name being called on the Edmonton Coliseum PA system.

Turning to his uncle, Zeev Werek, he got the confirmation he'd been waiting for. Yes, he could believe his ears — he'd been chosen by the Philadelphia Flyers in the sixth round of the National Hockey League entry draft, 135th overall.

"It was a pretty long wait but when I heard my name called, I was really happy," the 18-year-old Belleville Bulls defenceman said.

Heading down to the Philly table, Sokolsky was greeted by a host of Hall-of-Famers, including GM Bobby Clarke and scout Bill Barber as well as head coach Terry Murray.

Going to a team that features Hart Trophy winner Eric Lindros and the rest of the Legion of Doom is an intoxicating prospect for the teenage rearguard. "I'm very excited. They're an up and coming team. They're pretty young," Sokolsky said soon after his return from Edmonton.

Still, Sokolsky is not operating under any illusions that he's ready to crack the Phillie lineup. Instead, he's spending the summer in the gym, working out six hours a day with a personal trainer to get himself stronger so he can be better able to play a pro-style game back in junior next season.

At six foot three, 210 lbs, it's unclear how much stronger he needs to be, but at any rate, Sokolsky realizes that in today's NHL, size and strength are held at a premium.

"Last year, I tried to establish myself as a player and I didn't try to be aggressive enough. People told me that during the season, but it didn't sink in until the draft," he said.

Jamie Sokolsky

A projected fourth rounder by Central Scouting, Sokolsky believes his lack of physical play pushed him back to the sixth round. But he says he's learned his lesson and he's determined to make opposition forwards pay the price this year for venturing into the Bulls' end of the ice.

Sokolsky boasts some solid draft year statistics to go along with his new attitude.

During the regular season, he scored four goals and added 18 assists for 22 points to go along with 28 penalty minutes. In 15 playoff games, he picked up the pace, bulging the twine three times and adding nine helpers as Belleville beat North Bay and Kingston before losing to the Guelph Storm.

The past season may have been the breakthrough year in Sokolsky's career. Though he began the campaign in Sarnia, he was traded early on to Belleville. "The situation in Sarnia wasn't working out for me. There were too many players and not enough opportunity," he said.

Coming to Belleville, it took a little while to work himself into the lineup. As the season wore on, his confidence and performance improved so that by the end of the year he was playing a regular shift as well as quarterbacking the power play. An offensive defenceman who likes to join the rush, Sokolsky was chosen most improved player by the Bulls.

In the playoffs, "I pick it up a lot," Sokolsky said, "I'm technically better. Compared to last year I'm much smarter. I picked up the positional part of the game more."

Sokolsky, from the Toronto suburb of Richmond Hill, was accompanied to Edmonton by nine family members, including his parents Mel and Aviva, brothers Matthew and Hillel and uncles Dave Weinberg and Zeev Werek. He's a former student at Beth Tikvah afternoon school.

S.A. rugby star ignores racial slur

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JOHANNESBURG — Joel Stransky, the hero in South Africa's victory over New Zealand in the recent rugby World Cup final, has shrugged off suggestions that his coach was anti-Semitic in referring to him after the match as the "Jew boy."

The fly-half, who kicked all of his team's points, said his coach, Kitch Christie, "often uses 'Jew boy' as a term of endearment, because he and I are very, very close."

Stransky, a restaurateur and a former South African Maccabi Sportsman of the Year, is also known as the "minyan man" because he is the 10th Jew to play for the Springboks, the national team.

In South Africa, a belief exists — especially among rugby-mad Afrikaners, who are often heard chanting "Go, Jood [Jew], go" during matches — that having a Jew on the team is good luck.

Stransky called such a belief a myth, saying: "They say it, but they don't really believe it. I am not superstitious and I don't believe in omens. A player is not picked because he is Jewish, but because he is the best man."

South African Jews joined in nationwide celebrations of the historic World Cup victory over the New Zealand All Blacks, named for the color of their shirts.

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Hungarian restitution pact welcomed

Top Jewish officials praise deal

Jewish Telegraphic Ageny

BUDAPEST — Calling the agreement a breakthrough, Jewish leaders have expressed satisfaction with Hungary's official commitment last week to set up procedures for the restitution of Jewish property seized during World War II.

The pact, signed by the Hungarian government, the World Jewish Restitution Organization and local Jewish organizations, calls for the Hungarian Finance Ministry to establish two subcommittees.

One subcommittee will settle the legal and technical aspects of compensation. The other will deal with relevant documentation for claims. A report will be issued by Sept. 30.

Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress (WJC), said of the pact: "I hope it will serve as a model for the other Central and Eastern European agreements."

Last month, during a visit to New York, Hungarian Prime Minister Gyula Horn presented some proposals concerning the restitution issue to WJC officials.

At that time, Steinberg said all communal property belonging to the Catholic, Lutheran and Calvinist churches and the Jews would be returned.

Similar efforts are under way in other countries in the region, including Poland, the Czech Republic and Slovakia, an official of the restitution group said.

Buenos Aires bombing recalled

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES — More than 40,000 people crowded the streets of Buenos Aires last week to demand that those responsible for last year's bombing of the Jewish community's headquarters be brought to justice.

Exactly one year after the devastating attack, Argentines paid tribute to the 86 Jews who died in the explosion July 18, 1994. Commemorations began last Tuesday, at 9:50 a.m. — the exact time the bomb went off, demolishing the building at 633 Pasteur St.

A crowd of mourners gathered at the devastated site where the Jewish communal headquarters once stood and from a rose-strewn altar the names of the dead were read aloud and a candle lit for each one.

The rally and memorial service were two of dozens of ceremonies across the country. Commemorations were also held around the world.

The anniversary commemoration in Buenos Aires was attended by former Argentine president Raul Alfonsin, Israeli member of Knesset Benny Temkin, Argentine opposition politicians and government ministers and officials.

Reflecting the frustration of the crowd at the lack of progress in the investigation of the attack, Argentine Interior Minister Carlos Corach — himself a Jew — was booed. Argentine President Carlos Menem did not attend.

Ruben Beraja, president of DAIA, the umbrella political organization of the Argentine Jewish community, said although "we have faith in our democratically elected authorities, we have to push them to investigate the bombing and catch the culprits.

"There is suspicion of neo-Nazi complicity, of conspiracies, of anti-Semitic elements blocking the investigation," he said. "We all know that. We talk about it in bars, among friends, off the record. Well, it is time we discussed it openly, to know the truth."

Alberto Crupnicoff, president of AMIA, the community's social service agency and the main occupant of the building destroyed in the attack, sounded a note of resolve: The bomb "did not destroy Jewish life in Argentina. We have a 1,000-year-old experience in rebuilding ourselves and AMIA is functioning again."

One poster in English at the rally attracted particular attention. It read: "President Menem: Oklahoma City Bombing 1995; suspects captured. AMIA Bomb Attack 1994 — No Suspects?"

The demand for justice dominated many of the ceremonies, including one in New York, where the Anti-Defamation League sponsored a memorial service.

Jewish officials in attendance expressed outrage that Argentina sent a low-level diplomat, Juan Louis Garibaldi, deputy consul general of Argentina, to the event. He spoke only briefly, saying that he had nothing official to add about the investigation.

One year after the bombing, the Argentine government's investigation has yielded only four arrests and no conclusive explanation of the bombing.

The Menem government has so far failed to get beyond accusing car dealer Carlos Alberto Telleldin of providing the van used for the car bomb and arresting three others as alleged accomplices. Three of these arrests occurred only recently.

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Those responsible for the attack on the Buenos Aires Jewish headquarters may never be brought to justice, according to a report released last week.

The report, commissioned by the American Jewish Committee, paints a bleak picture of the Argentine government's investigation into the bombing.

The report's author, Argentine journalist Sergio Kiernan, cites lack of will, incompetence and anti-Semitism on the part of Argentine police as factors preventing the apprehension of the culprits.

Congress puts Bosnia on agenda

CJN Staff and Wire Services

North American Jews last week called on their governments' leaders to push for an end to human rights violations in Bosnia and to prosecute war criminals in the conflict.

Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) representatives met recently with Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet and raised the situation in Bosnia, with emphasis on the punishment of war crimes and crimes against humanity.

"The Jewish community of Canada joins with people all over the world who are deeply concerned with the deteriorating situation in Bosnia," CJC president Goldie Hershon said in a statement last week.

"We reiterate our call for a negotiated settlement to the conflict. If that is not possible, then we urge our government to act in coordination with other nations ... to take all needed action to save the civilians whose lives are at risk."

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Justice Aharon Barak, 59, was elected president of the Israeli Supreme Court last week. Barak has been on the Supreme Court for 17 years. He succeeds Justice Meir Shamgar.

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Arab attitudes to peace shifting: polls

By DAVID H. GOLDBERG

How is the Arab "street" reacting to the prospects of normalized relations with Israel? The March 1994 inaugural issue of *Middle East Quarterly* published the results of a survey of Arab attitudes conducted immediately following the September 1993 Declaration of Principles (DoP).

ANALYSIS

From the data, Hilal Khashan (of the American University of Beirut) concluded that an overwhelming majority of Arabs rejected outright the concept of peaceful coexistence with Israel or, at a minimum, viewed peace agreements as tactical measures to be adhered to only until the Arabs acquired the resources needed to accomplish the strategic goal of destroying Israel.

However, a follow-up poll by Khashan published in the June 1995 issue of *Middle East Quarterly*, offers evidence of a possible shift in attitude on the Arab street. On the one hand, there is the continued dream among the Arabs of destroying Israel if this were to become possible. On the other hand, a growing number of respondents recognize the inevitability of Arab governments' negotiating formal peace treaties with Israel.

Two competing interpretations may be applied to these findings. Skeptics will view the Arab street's acceptance of peace settlements with Israel as a reassertion of the traditional "phased process;" i.e. as a way of accommodating adverse regional and global political realities (resulting from the collapse of the Soviet Union and the Gulf War) until the military circumstances again shift to the Arabs' favor. The growing influence of Muslim extremists amongst the Palestinians as well as in Egypt and Lebanon, and the obstacles confronted by the Jordanian regime in forcing the repeal of anti-Israeli legislation through parliament, reinforce concern about the transient quality of the popular readiness to normalize relations with Israel.

On the other hand, it may also be that the changes in attitude suggested by the current poll reflect the first stages of a basic transformation in the way in which Arabs relate to Israel. The noted Israeli military strategist, Yehoshofat Harkabi, suggested a decade ago that real peace will be possible only when Israelis and Arabs come to terms with the unbridgeable gap between what they hope to achieve and what is achievable. In the current context, the Arab street may continue to dream of destroying Israel, but the fact that they are now resigning themselves to their governments signing treaties suggests that the crucial process of re-education has begun.

The data on Arab popular attitudes may also have an important educative effect on Israelis. Clearly, the euphoria generated by the DoP and the peace treaty with Jordan has dissipated and even the most optimistic Israelis now realize that the vision of their country's complete integration into "a new Middle East" is not likely to be transformed into a reality in the foreseeable future. Perhaps the status quo — characterized by incremental progress toward secure peace agreements at the government-to-government level, combined with the continuing hesitation on the Arab street to embrace Israelis in a true "people's peace" — is the most we can realistically hope for, at least until the psychological barriers constructed over decades of hostility begin to dissolve.

Dr. David Goldberg is the director of research for the Foundation for Middle East Studies.

Jewish community caught in middle of Bosnia war

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BELGRADE — As fighting continues to rage in Bosnia, amid threats of more NATO air strikes against Bosnian Serbs, the Jews of neighboring Yugoslavia are doing their best to avoid taking sides in the conflict.

"Of course, we are against the war," Aca Singer, president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Yugoslavia, said in a recent interview. "But we do not want to support one side or another."

There are 8,000 Jews in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, today comprised of the republics of Serbia and Montenegro. The two republics were part of the larger Yugoslavia that broke apart in 1991, when the former Yugoslav republics of Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Macedonia declared their independence.

Prior to World War II, some 82,000 Jews lived in the unified Yugoslavia. About 67,000 — some 82 per cent of the community — perished in the Holocaust, leaving 15,000 survivors.

In Serbia and Montenegro alone, 29,000 of the 40,000-strong community were killed.

In Croatia, where followers of a nationalist puppet regime actively fought alongside the Nazis in an effort to destroy Jews and Serbs alike in neighboring Serbia, some 20,000 Jews perished in the notorious Jasenovac concentration camp.

Long-simmering memories of the Croatian atrocities committed during the war have created a bond between Jews and Serbs.

Long-simmering memories

The bond remains strong — despite the fact that most of the world community perceives Serbs as having committed the worst human rights abuses during the fighting in Bosnia.

But Yugoslavia's Jews, playing a delicate game of political acrobatics, avoid pointing fingers at either the Serbs or Muslims.

"There are no good guys or bad guys. It is hard to tell who is more to blame for the present tragedy. They are all guilty," said Singer, 71, a survivor of both Auschwitz and the Communist prisons of the late leader of Yugoslavia, Marshall Tito.

The fall of communism in Yugoslavia has done much to revive the Jewish community. Many Jews who had concealed their religion during the Tito era have come out of hiding.

Jews are openly joining the community because it provides them with a sense of belonging and because they receive financial assistance. That is a strong inducement for some in the current economic situation, made more difficult by the international economic sanctions levied against Belgrade because of its support for the rebel Serbs in Bosnia.

"Every day we admit new members into the community," said Rabbi Yitzhak Assiel, a 31-year-old convert who recently returned to Belgrade after more than six years of rabbinical studies in Israel. "The community has come back to life."

Some 7,000 Yugoslav Jews have made aliyah in recent years. Those who remain are mostly elderly.

Another task facing the Yugoslav Jewish community is preserving the memory of the past.

Almost an entire floor in the Jewish community building is occupied by the Jewish Museum, which has an extensive exhibit of Jewish history in Yugoslavia dating back to the 13th century.

In a building adjacent to the museum, two women sit across from each other at a table and compare notes from a seemingly endless pile of documents.

Each document contains the personal data of a Holocaust victim. The documents are being gathered together to be sent to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Jerusalem.

It is but another effort to preserve the past in a community that is confronting some grim present-day realities.

July 17:

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Israel will insist on administering Rachel's Tomb after full responsibilities in Bethlehem are transferred to the Palestinians. A joint Israeli-Palestinian unit will guard worshipper traffic.

July 18:

• Two yeshivah students, Ohad Bachrach, 18, from Beit El, and Ori Shahor, 20 from Ra'anana, were murdered while hiking in Wadi Kelt, a popular spot between Jerusalem and Jericho. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine claimed responsibility for the murders.

• *Yediot Aharonot* reported that a 24-member delegation from the Shas movement left for a two-day visit to Jordan. The group was scheduled to meet with King Hussein to convey to him a letter from Shas leader Rabbi Ovadia Yosef.

July 19:

• While on a visit to southern Lebanon, President Ezer Weizman indirectly criticized the policies of his government during a discussion of the peace process: "When making fateful decisions on how Israel will look and how we will live, we must aspire for a very wide base of national consensus ... When we signed the peace treaty with Egypt, almost 90 Knesset members supported the agreement ... There should be the same situation with the Syrians and the Palestinians."

July 20:

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Argentinan Foreign Ministry officials have denied that they are attempting to sell a nuclear reactor to Syria. Rumors of such an attempted sale had been reported and Israeli officials had expressed their concern.

• Yasser Arafat announced the arrest of five suspects – four from Jericho and one from Gaza – in the murders of the two yeshivah students at Wadi Kelt earlier in the week.

July 21 :

• To break a legislative logjam in Washington over future American aid to the Palestinian Authority, Yasser Arafat promised the U.S. Administration and Congress that he would cancel the sections in the Palestine National Covenant calling for the destruction of Israel. The American bill will require the offensive sections to be revoked within a reasonable time after Palestinian elections, failing which, further aid will be withheld.

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The Jews of Turkey

A community in transition

CJN staff reporter Paul Lungen recently visited Turkey as part of a group of North American Jewish journalists and organizational leaders, who were guests of the Turkish government and national airline. This is the first in a three-part series about the Jewish community of Turkey.

Rabbi David Aseo

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Like the country that has been its home for the past 500 years, the Jewish community of Turkey has experienced tremendous changes in the 20th century.

From a large and farflung community with outposts across the country, Jewish numbers have been reduced by emigration. Where once the community numbered 82,000 in 1927 (down from Ottoman times), today it has 26,000 members, living primarily in Istanbul (20,000) and Izmir (2,400). Over the course of the century, thousands of mostly impoverished Jews made aliyah to Israel while others moved to Latin America in the quest for better lives.

For those who remained, life has been good, with the Jewish community thriving in the largely tolerant atmosphere bequeathed by Kemal Ataturk, the Turkish republic's first president.

Although its population has been much depleted, today's Jewish community retains the critical mass needed to be able to operate a full range of communal institutions.

The titular head of the community is Rabbi David Aseo, 81, who represents the community to the Turkish government.

There are five rabbis in all of Turkey as well as two pupils studying in rabbinical seminaries in Israel and the United States, Rabbi Aseo told our group. About 500 children in Istanbul attend Jewish school through their teens.

The city is served by 15 synagogues, 12 of which operate year round while another three on the nearby Princess Islands are used by vacationers during the summer.

The oldest synagogue in Istanbul is the Ahrida, located in the Balat area, which dates from the mid-15th century.

Eight *shochtim* (ritual slaughterers) provide kosher meat and two *mohelim* serve the community as well.

The community operates a home for the elderly, a hospital and five youth clubs.

Though predominately Sephardi, the Jewish community also has about 1,000 Ashkenazi members, most the descendents of refugees who fled the Russian revolution. They worship at their own shul.

Ladino (Judeo-Spanish) was once the lingua franca of the community but, like Yiddish in North America, it is being abandoned by young people for the Turkish language.

Turkey's Jewish population, we were told, shares some of the same problems experienced in North America. Intermarriage, at about 20 per cent, is considered unacceptably high and it is difficult to find suitable marriage partners in smaller centres.

The community is served by a weekly Jewish newspaper, *Shalom*, with a circulation of 5,000. Ivo Molinas, its editor, is a businessman and like the other staff, is an unpaid volunteer. "We see this as a Jewish task," he said, explaining that the mandate of the community-owned publication is to inform its readers about the wider Jewish world.

Until 1984, the paper was printed in Ladino, but with the decline in use of that language it was decided to switch to Turkish, boosting it average weekly size to 12 pages.

Jews have reached the highest echelons in a number of spheres of Turkish life, thanks to an absence of official discrimination.

Today, many in the community are businessmen and professionals while others hold prominent university lecturing positions.

"Jews have lived well here in Turkey," said Aron Habib, vice-president of Istanbul's Jewish community. "We have lived here as Sephardim for 500 years when we were received by the Ottoman Empire very nicely."

State-sponsored anti-Semitism is non-existent, though fundamentalist politicians, clerics and writers cause concern among those Jews who follow the political scene.

But Jewish community members in Istanbul and Izmir reassured us time and again that the country's Jews lead a comfortable, safe existence — though they take care to keep a low profile.

In the words of Naim Guleryuz, author of a booklet, *The History of the Turkish Jews*, "The Jewish community is a smooth community. We don't cause problems to the government."

Unlike their North American cousins, few Jews have entered politics and there are none serving in parliament.

One however, Soli Ozel, is founder of a new political party, the Neo Democracy Movement, which urges negotiations with Kurdish separatists.

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While Islamic fundamentalism is a major concern today for leaders of the Jewish community, it was religious intolerance in Christian Europe 500 years ago that gave birth to the lively Jewish community we see today.

In a seminal event in Jewish history, the Sephardi community of Spain was uprooted and evicted after centuries of habitation. At the time of the expulsion in 1492, Sultan Bayazid II dispatched the Ottoman fleet to Spanish waters to protect ships carrying Jews from marauding pirates.

The expulsion coincided with another historic event. At midnight on August 2, 1492, Christopher Columbus was forced to depart for the new world from the relatively unknown port of Palos because the shipping lanes of Cadiz and Seville were clogged with Sephardi Jews fleeing Spain, Guleryuz writes.

The exact numbers who made their way to Turkey is not clear, said Silvia Franko, a professional tour guide in Izmir. Some estimates put the number at 50,000, others at 150,000. Those who fled Spain (and later Portugal) found a tiny community of "Romaniot" Jews already living in the Ottoman Empire. Their history could be traced back to the 1st century Roman era.

The Romaniot Jews were absorbed by the more cultured Sephardi arrivals but their presence testifies to an ancient history.

According to Guleryuz, remnants of Jewish settlement can be traced back to the 4th century BCE in the Aegean (western) region.

At one time, their culture was impressive in its own right. The ruins of the largest synagogue ever constructed can be found in the ancient city of Sardis, about 70 kms east of Izmir. At its height, it measured more than 140 metres long and it "tells you the power the Jews had in the Roman period," Franko said.

The Jewish population declined under the Byzantine Christians, later to be revived by the Sephardi refugees.

At its peak in the 16th and 17th centuries, the Jewish population in the Ottoman Empire, from Vienna to Yemen, reached about 300,000, said Habib. There were centres of Jewish life in Istanbul, Smyrna (today's Izmir), Salonica and Safed (which was also part of the Ottoman Empire).

Community can be traced back to 4th century BCE

Jewish literature flourished, with Joseph Caro compiling the Shulchan Aruch and Shlomo ha-Levi Alkabes composing *Lecha Dodi*, the hymn used by Sephardim and Ashkenazim to welcome Shabbat.

In the 17th century, Shabbetai Zevi, a native of Smyrna, arose as a false messiah. He and his followers later adopted Islam rather than face death.

With the defeat of the Ottomans in World War I came the creation of the modern Turkish republic. Ataturk was elected president, the caliphate was abolished and a secular constitution adopted.

The 1923 Treaty of Lausanne recognized the new Turkish state, which accorded minority rights to the principal non-Muslim religious minorities and permitted them to carry on with their own schools and social institutions. In 1926, showing their Turkish patriotism, the Jewish community renounced its minority status and opted for Turkish citizenship.

Turkey remained neutral during World War II and even earlier, Ataturk invited hundreds of Jewish professors to leave Germany and take up academic posts in Turkey. They played a key role in developing the modern Turkish university system.

During the Holocaust, several Turkish diplomats saved Jews from the Nazis by providing passage to Turkey.

Today, many Turkish Jews and their descendents can be found in Israel, Latin America, Seattle, New York, Miami and San Francisco. A few hundred settled in Montreal and Toronto.

Settlers anxious over future

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"Why not?" says Herzl Meiri, a shopkeeper from Kfar Saba. Meiri is among the 34 per cent of Israelis who, according to the Dahaf poll, are not worried about the imminent pullout of the army.

"The Arabs of Kalkilya have an interest in keeping this border quiet," says Meiri. "There may be a few attempted terrorist attacks at first, but once Arafat consolidates his power, things will be quiet here. If not, we can always bring the army back."

Most Israelis are less sanguine.

"It's frightening," says Ofra Gabish Cohen, who grew up in Hagor, an agricultural community a few kilometres west of Kalkilya. The trauma of the 1967 war is still vivid in her mind.

"Our Arab neighbors were so sure they were going to win the war that they began dividing up our homes among themselves," she recalls.

Today Cohen is ready to rise above her fears. "We have to take the risk — and it is a risk. But I don't believe there is any alternative," says the 38-year-old mother.

Does Phase 2 of the Oslo accord mean a return to the pre-1967 borders? She responds to the question with a long sigh. "I remember the days when we would spend the weekend shopping at the marketplace in Kalkilya. But those days ended with the intifadah."

Cohen's father, Yehoshua Gabish, has deeper doubts. Hagor, where he has lived for the past 40 years, was founded by veterans of the Palmach, the pre-state military force to which Yitzhak Rabin belonged. But Gabish, a former Palmach fighter and longtime Labor party supporter, is worried about the government's peace policy.

"If we were talking about a return to the 1967 borders I wouldn't be so worried. But the Arabs want to turn the clock back to 1948," he says. "We need to reach some agreement, but it's too early to remove the Israeli army from West Bank towns."

"Mothers tell me they will be afraid to send their children to school," says Pinchas. "We want peace, but we're afraid."

The opposition, led by the Likud, tried to capitalize on these fears by holding what it had hoped would be a massive demonstration in Kfar Saba earlier this month.

Among the opposition's new recruits was David Levy, a father of three, who until half a year ago, defended the government's peace policy.

"Getting out of the Gaza Strip was the right thing to do," says the longtime Labor party supporter. "But now the government is about to move the border a kilometre away from my home," says the teacher from Rosh Ha'ayin, a town that lies next to the 1967 Green Line.

"What did we fight for?" asks Levy. "Just to give it all back? It makes a mockery of our hard-won battles."

But for every new recruit like Levy, there are dozens of other Israelis living near the Green Line who ignored the demonstration (conspicuous among them Yitzhak Wald, the Labor party mayor of Kfar Saba). Some, like Roseanne Ness, disagreed with the premise of the protest.

"I believe the [Israel Defence Force] should get out of the territories," she says. "I would rather have a small country with clear, secure borders than a large country with a hostile population." But, Ness adds, "the question is timing. It may be too early for the IDF to leave. And while I favor a withdrawal in principle, the technical arrangements have to be right."

While 54 per cent of Israelis oppose the withdrawal of the army from West Bank towns, only 25,000 — most of them religious — took to the streets of Kfar Saba to protest.

"A disappointing turnout from the organizers' point of view," says public opinion expert Prof. Ephraim Inbar. "The Israeli public is apathetic," maintains Inbar, director of Bar Ilan University's BESA Centre for Strategic Studies. "There won't be a public outcry unless the pullout is followed by terror attacks."

Jewish settlers have warned that if the IDF withdraws from the West Bank, they will form their own army to replace it.

But an overwhelming majority of Israelis — 66 per cent — reject this idea. Many, living along the delicate "seam" that divides Israel from the West Bank, are plagued with doubts about the next phase of the peace process. They are afraid of what may happen when the army pulls out of neighboring Arab towns. But their attitude is, as Pinchus puts it: "Wait and see."

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Israeli citizenship sought for Jonathan Pollard

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service and CJN Staff

JERUSALEM — A bid to gain Israeli citizenship for convicted spy Jonathan Pollard — the latest twist in the effort to free him from a life sentence in a U.S. prison — is being denounced by some members of Pollard's family.

Esther Zeitz Pollard of Toronto, who married the jailed naval analyst in prison two years ago, believes Pollard's chances for a pardon by President Bill Clinton would improve if Israel granted him citizenship.

Zeitz Pollard met earlier this month with Israeli justice minister David Libai, and urged him to grant her husband citizenship.

Libai said the government will consider the request and pledged to continue pressing for Pollard's release.

But Pollard's sister, father and several longtime supporters vehemently disagree with the tactic.

"The issue now is not getting him [Israeli] citizenship; the issue is getting him out of prison," Carol Pollard told *The Jerusalem Post* last Sunday.

"Israeli citizenship will not be helpful to Jonathan at this time," said Seymour Reich, president of the American Zionist Movement and former chair of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations. "It will hurt him."

Zeitz Pollard rejected claims that Israeli citizenship would damage her husband's case, arguing that formal Israeli recognition could hasten an early release.

Pollard is entering his 10th year in jail for giving U.S. secrets to Israel. His parole hearing is scheduled for this fall.

Clinton criticizes Polish leader over anti-Semitic incident

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — In a letter to the World Jewish Congress (WJC), U.S. President Bill Clinton has berated Polish President Lech Walesa for taking too long to condemn anti-Semitism following offensive remarks made by a Polish priest.

"I find Father [Henryk] Jankowski's words to be vile and deplorable," Clinton wrote to Edgar Bronfman, WJC president. "I was disheartened by the length of time it took President Walesa to issue a reaction condemning anti-Semitism."

In a June sermon in Gdansk attended by Walesa, Jankowski urged his parishioners to "wake up" to "Jewish dangers, blamed the Jews for starting World War II and equated the Star of David with the swastika and the Communist hammer and sickle.

After a week of silence, public pressure both at home and abroad forced Walesa to issue a statement saying that "anti-Semitism [is] despicable" and that he would not tolerate it.

In his statement, Walesa reiterated his respect for Jews and distanced himself from Jankowski, his former Solidarity union ally. But he fell short of satisfying his critics by not condemning Jankowski directly.

Clinton's letter was a response to an appeal from Bronfman urging the president to speak out on the issue at a June 26 meeting with Walesa in San Francisco.

Clinton did raise the issue of anti-Semitism at the California meeting. In his July 5 letter to Bronfman, the president said, "I stressed that anti-Semitism has no place in the civilized community and that I looked to him [Walesa] to set an example."

SMUGGLED THEN SNUGGLED

A keeper at Jerusalem's Biblical Zoo cuddles three baby chimpanzees. The babies had been smuggled into Israel and were confiscated by the police who then brought them to the Zoo for safekeeping and, presumably, upbringing. [RNS]

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Play dramatizes spirit of Anne Frank

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An unsentimental, yet touching production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* by a new small company, Tribal Productions, runs until July 30.

It is at the Annex Theatre, Bathurst Street, near Bloor (539-8755). Tickets are $12, or $10 for seniors and students.

The harsh realities of eight people hiding in a small space in Amsterdam for more than two years do not obliterate the sheer grit and beauty of spirit of Anne Frank (Allison White).

Her optimism and love of life, in the midst of nagging and whining by most of the adults around her, shine like a beacon in this play by Albert Hackett and Frances Goodrich. As the world knows to its sorrow, the hideout was discovered and only the father, Otto, survived. Anne died in Bergen-Belsen.

Under the capable direction of Eli Lukawitz, the actors reveal the bruises, both physical and emotional, that result from this close contact. Surprisingly, though, there is a fair amount of humor, arising in part from the sensitive performances of White and Andrew Woolner, the latter uncannily portraying a 16-year-old unloved adolescent who, like Anne, is trying to come to grips with society. As the father, Sam Rosenthal, is realistic in the role of the man who was unsuccessful in keeping the Nazis away.

The Annex Theatre is not air-conditioned, so pick a cool night.

Sam Rosenthal as Otto Frank and Allison White as Anne Frank in the touching production of The Diary of Anne Frank.

Last-Minute Concessions Lead To Deal With EU

JERUSALEM — Last-minute compromises by Agriculture Minister Ya'acov Tsur and Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish gave the European Union's Council of Ministers the green light to approve the draft free trade agreement with Israel last week.

Although Foreign Ministry Economics Department head Oded Eran called the agreement "historic," Harish said despite the accomplishments, the Foreign Ministry's handling of the negotiations led to

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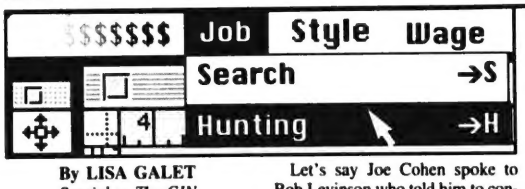

By LISA GALET
Special to The CJN

Job Search is a monthly column on job-searching techniques by job search consultant Lisa Galet. Readers can forward any questions to THE CJN.

Summertime and the living is easy — unless you're hunting for a job.

In the summer months, a job hunter wants to take advantage of free daytime hours to enjoy warm weather. Meanwhile, there is the constant nagging pressure of knowing you need to find a job. There is a way to connect the two and the results can be staggering.

Once your resume is up to date and you know what kind of work you want, tell everyone you know. Speak in a positive way, informing your listener what kind of work you do. Ask if the listener knows of any vacancies in your area of expertise or if the listener knows someone else who works in that field. Get a name and a phone number. Then call that new contact and introduce yourself.

Let's say Joe Cohen spoke to Rob Levinson who told him to contact Sam Jacobs. When Joe calls Sam, he should say something like: "Hi. This is Joe Cohen. Rob Levinson told me I could call you. I am an expert computer repair technician. I have over 10 years experience in the business. I specialize in repairing personal computers. I am hardworking and easy to get along with. Rob said you may have a vacancy or may know someone who has a vacancy for someone with my skills." Then Joe needs to listen for Sam's response.

Knowing who to talk to is not that difficult. For all we know, Rob could be Joe's dentist, librarian, lawyer or mechanic. All these people might have worthwhile information.

Other people to talk to include the accountant (yours or your parents'), the day care director, the pharmacist, the plumber, the teachers (yours or your kid's), fraternity/sorority members, people in the job search support group you attend, car pool members, the tailor, the vet, the doctors, people you send New Year's cards to, the photographer (knows lots of people), the rabbi, people from shul, your spouse and your siblings.

Make a list of all these people and carry the list with you wherever you go. Add to your list as you can.

This is your expanded job search networking list. This is one of the most valuable tools a job hunter can have. It should take you about two hours to come up with the original list of everyone you know and locate phone numbers for each of the names on the list.

It could take weeks to actually speak to all these people. Keep track of whom you speak to and when. Make sure to call back and thank someone who has given you a lead that results in anything you consider to be positive.

You may want to create a business card with your name and phone number and a short explanation of your area of expertise. This card can be used in addition to your resume, which you will hand out when asked or when you are applying for a job.

This method of job hunting can also be used by those who are currently employed but unhappy in their jobs. Be careful, though. Once word gets around, your current position could be in jeopardy.

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Book reveals paradox of A.M. Klein

By MICHAEL GREENSTEIN
Special to The CJN

The title of Prof. Zailig Pollock's book, *A. M. Klein: The Story of the Poet*, would lead the reader to believe that this is a biography.

Instead, Pollock offers us an analysis of much of Klein's poetry and prose, in support of an intricate thesis.

Chair of the English Department at Trent University and chair of the A. M. Klein Research and Publication Committee, Pollock has devoted a decade to the study of Klein's work.

He peppers his text with epigraphs from Gershom Scholem, Rainer Maria Rilke, Martin Gardner and Walter Benjamin to give a broader context for his argument about the interchangeability of insides and outsides, an inner and outer thematics prevalent in the key works of Klein.

According to Pollock, Klein retells the story of the poet throughout his career as an unfolding of the One in the Many. With poem after poem, Pollock pursues this theme which Klein himself had earlier pursued. The critic echoes the creative writer who struggled between countervailing centrifugal and centripetal forces of flight and return in relationship to the Jewish community.

If Klein wanted to serve as a spokesperson for his community, Pollock says, he became increasingly disillusioned with a Canadian-Jewish public that failed to appreciate him. Ultimately the spokesperson became silent and Pollock traces the sounds of silence from the early poetry of the '20s to the late prose works of the '50s.

Klein's position on modernism complicated matters, Pollock says. Although Klein's diction was largely archaic, he welcomed modernist writers such as Franz Kafka and James Joyce. But he rejected the modernists' sense of alienation and sought to ground his work in commitment to community, to the political and historical events before, during and after World War II.

Pollock suggests that Klein's affinity lay with postmodernism rather than with modernism, saying Klein's scepticism about absolutes places him closer to contemporary esthetics than to earlier brands of modernism.

In his analysis and evaluation of Klein's poetry, Pollock points out limitations and weaknesses. Klein, Pollock says, is rarely able to create characters who interact with one another in a convincingly realized social world.

Analyzing Klein's use of metaphor, Pollock concludes that the paradox of the writer remains that for one who wanted to be spokesperson for a community, the poet fashioned a language that seemed foreign to many of his fellows.

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several missed opportunities.

Nevertheless, Harish was particularly proud that his insistence on Israel's sitting as a non-voting member in the committees which decide on EU-wide research and development projects was ultimately accepted by the reluctant Europeans.

For its part, Israel agreed to limit its citrus exports from 300,000 tons annually to 200,000 tons. In return, the Europeans agreed to expand the quotas on peeled fruits from 16,000 tons a year to 35,000 tons. They also agreed to initially allow Israel to export 14,000 tons of frozen sweet corn a year, raising the quota by an additional 1,000 tons a year, until exports reach 16,000 tons.

Japanese Plan To Establish Omer Industrial Project

JERUSALEM — Japanese entrepreneurs plan to establish an industrial complex — including hi-tech industries, research and development institutes and a tourism project — at the Omer industrial zone, near Beersheba.

Some $250 million (US) will be invested in the complex, not including the cost of the factories.

The tourism complex will be adjacent to the factories and be built at a cost of $100 million. It will include a 300-room hotel designed and run in Japanese style. The entire project will be built by the Rekoto Kasai company.

Motorola Sells Computer Terminals To NYPD

JERUSALEM — The New York Police Department (NYPD) has purchased $20 million (US) in computerized data terminals from Motorola Communications Israel.

The terminals will be installed in police cars and enable real-time data transfer on suspicious vehicles and people.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Chutzpah Is Coming: Did you ever notice how many words there are in the Yiddish language to describe persons who are nerds? There's your basic klutz, a clumsy person. There is a meshuganer, a crazy person. A nebesh is a nothing or a nerd, while a nudnik is a bore or pest. A pisher, meanwhile, describes a little squirt, while a shlemazel is a person with very bad luck, as Woody Allen sometimes presents himself to be. Call someone a shmegege and you're calling that person a jerk; yold refers to a chump, kvetch to a whiner.

These words come courtesy of the *Verhtehrbook*, or one-page dictionary that the Limelight Dinner Theatre in Toronto printed for its upcoming production of *Chutzpah a Go-Go*, a "newish Jewish musical comedy" involving the talents of Penny Di Marco, Bernadette Taylor, a four-piece klezmer band, and director Jordan Merkur. A previous production of this original Canadian musical several years ago enjoyed held-over engagements in Toronto and Winnipeg as well as a "showcase" in New York.

Telling the tales of four performers on the road, Chutzpah a Go-Go is full of songs, stories and shmaltz about growing up Jewish and experiencing Yiddish culture while living in Bubkes, Sask., population 107. Previews begin August 10, with the opening scheduled for August 17. Tickets are $20 to $46. Limelight Dinner Theatre, 2026 Yonge St., Toronto. 416-482-5200.

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Divine Grace: Bette Midler's new album, *Bette of Roses*, is her first album of new material in five years and her 16th album in a recording career that began more than two decades ago. At 49, Midler seems to be taking a break from her hectic movie-making activities of the 1980s, when she acted in a string of cinematic hits, including *Down and Out in Beverly Hills* and the vastly successful *Beaches* of 1988.

After the flop of the big-budget 1991 film *For The Boys* in which she starred, Midler has returned to her singing career. She has also returned, along with her husband and daughter, to New York after living in Los Angeles since 1976.

"I moved back because of the earthquake," she recently told the *New York Times*. "And I needed to get back to a town where I could have a conversation about something other than grosses."

Midler starred in a TV adaptation of *Gypsy* that won favorable reviews two years ago, and may soon be involved in made-for-TV revivals of Jerry Herman's 1966 musical *Mame*. Noting the high number of gay friends who have died from the AIDS virus, Midler says she finds solace in doing good deeds. Recently she sponsored the Manhattan Restoration Project to help clean up dirty and derelict streets and parks.

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In Brief: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, starring Donny Osmond, has extended its run at Toronto's O'Keefe Centre an additional two weeks to Sept. 15. For tickets, call 416-872-2222 or 416-872-2262.

An exhibition of recent works by Robert Epping, Mi-Chung Choi, Carol Kapuscinsky, Ruth Read and Judith Welbourn is featured at the John B. Aird Gallery, 900 Bay St. at Wellesley, Toronto, August 1 to 26. Opening reception August 3, 6 to 9 p.m.

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